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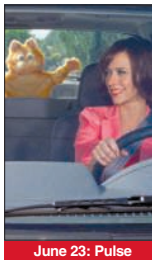
Just home after 15 months in Iraq, Capt. Walter Dunn dances an impromptu slow dance with his wife, Eden, in Baumholder's gym. Oblivious of the crowd, the Duns kept dancing until the gym was nearly empty.

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States

New Mexico wildfires: The weather gave firefighters a break Saturday as they battled a fire that burned nearly 300 acres and prompted evacuations along the Rio Grande in central New Mexico.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Saturday said that it has authorized the use of federal funds to battle the Bernardo fire.

Crews contained at least half of the 288-acre blaze and worked to bolster their fire lines Saturday, said Laura Mulry, spokeswoman for the state Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

High winds that firefighters feared might kick up never materialized Saturday, Mulry said.

Gay marriage debate: Senate action on banning gay marriage has become a priority because judges are redefining marriage as more than just the union of a man and woman as they allow same-sex couples to marry, the Senate majority leader said Sunday.

Sen. Bill Frist rejected a suggestion that he scheduled the debate in mid-July to embarrass his fellow senator, John Kerry, who a few days later will be nominated as the Democrats' challenger against President Bush in November's election.

"That's the most common question: 'Why do you bring up the marriage amendment at this point in time?' And 'These are for political reasons, coming into the convention,' said Frist, R-Tenn."

"And the answer is 'absolutely, no.'"

He noted that Kerry was among 14 senators who voted against the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, signed into law by President Clinton, a Democrat.

Phish farewell: Tickets to Phish's "Covenant" festival in August — the popular jam band's last concert — sold out on Friday.

The two-day event in the band's home state of Vermont was expected to sell 70,000 tickets. Event spokesman Adam Lewis on Friday could not say exactly how many tickets were sold.

Interest in the festival intensified when Phish announced in May that the band was splitting up.

Fans will descend on the Newport State Airport and surrounding fields in Coventry on Aug. 14 and 15.

Business

Enron proceedings: Kenneth Lay, Enron Corp.'s founder and former chairman, could be indicted on charges stemming from its 2001 collapse by the end of June, sources close to the case said Saturday.

Two sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said federal prosecutors are aggressively pursuing Lay, and witnesses with information about him have recently testified before a special grand jury probing Enron's December 2001 collapse.



Philippine election: House Speaker Jose de Venecia raises the certificate of canvass on Cotabato city, the last to be counted, beside Senate President Franklin D. Drilon, right, after the final votes were tallied. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has won another term in office, according to a congressional committee that finished the contentious vote count Sunday, six weeks after the election.

Barring any delays, federal prosecutors aim to ask the grand jury for an indictment before the Fourth of July, the sources said.

Military

Missile defense: Australia will join a U.S. missile defense program next month, the government said Saturday, in a move expected to rattle neighboring Asian countries that already regard Australia as a tool of American foreign policy in the region.

Defense Minister Robert Hill said Australian and U.S. defense officials will sign a memorandum of understanding on the missile shield during meetings in July.

World

Hong Kong democracy protest: In its latest criticism of pro-democracy forces in Hong Kong, China on Sunday called a planned July 1 anti-government rally in the territory a deliberately combative move.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to turn out for the march to reiterate Hong Kong's democratic aspirations, which were dashed when direct elections for the territory's next leader in 2007 and all lawmakers in 2008 were ruled out by Beijing in April.

The July 1 protest marks the first anniversary of an unprecedented rally that saw half a million protesters pour onto the streets of the territory, forcing the government to back down on an anti-subversion law China wanted enacted.

Israeli government negotiations: The head of Israel's opposition Labor Party laid out a series of tough demands Sunday for joining the government, suggesting that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon could face an uphill battle in shoring up his fractured coalition.

Opposition leader Shimon Peres said in

an interview with The Associated Press that Sharon must agree to a far-reaching Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and commit to negotiating with the Palestinians about the Gaza withdrawal.

Sharon has resisted similar ideas in the past, but may need Labor to shore up his fractured government. He has been widely expected to court Labor since two hard-line ministers resigned two weeks ago to protest the Gaza pullout plan.

Neither Labor nor Sharon's Likud Party have publicly committed themselves to a national unity government, and some lawmakers in both parties have expressed opposition to an alliance.

Indonesian elections: President Megawati Sukarnoputri, trailing badly in polls ahead of Indonesia's July 5 presidential elections, told a boisterous crowd of 30,000 supporters in Jakarta Sunday that she would win re-election and assure prosperity over the next five years.

Sounding defiant at times, Megawati delivered a spirited defense of her administration. She is behind front-runner and former Cabinet minister Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono by as much as 30 points in the polls and battles two other candidates just for second place.

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Iraq to restructure forces for terror fight

Prime Minister Alawi also considering 'martial law'

By JIM KRANE

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister announced a restructuring of the country's security forces Sunday, grouping all Iraqi troops under a central command whose chief duty is tackling insurgents plaguing the country.

Prime Minister Iyad Alawi also said his government was considering imposing "martial law" in Iraq's trouble spots to help police and paramilitaries bring order.

He made a plea for more international help in Iraq's guerrilla war, asking outside countries to send troops and donate military hardware to bolster Iraq's beleaguered forces.

"Until our forces are fully capable, we will continue to need support from our friends," Alawi told reporters.

Alawi has made security his top priority, with violence persisting as his government prepares to take sovereignty from Iraq's American occupiers on June 30. On Sunday, a roadside bomb in Baghdad killed two Iraqi soldiers, and U.S. troops clashed with insurgents in the city of Samarra, north of the capital, where three days of fighting has killed 10 Iraqis.

The incoming government is considering an amnesty for Iraqi guerrillas who haven't taken direct roles in the killings of

U.S.-led occupation forces or Iraqis, Interior Minister Falah Hassan al-Naqbi told reporters, offering few details.

The security plan announced by Alawi focused on a strengthening of the Iraqi military, bolstering its role in fighting the insurgency. U.S. administrators had envisaged the military as a small force, meant solely to deal with external threats rather than violence within Iraq's borders.

Alawi said the May 2003 decision by U.S. occupation chief L. Paul Bremer to disband the Iraqi army was a mistake.

The Iraqi army, once the largest and among the best-equipped in the Arab world, began a long decline after losing the 1991 Gulf War. The army all but disintegrated during the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, its barracks and weapons stores looted and tanks, planes and other hardware destroyed.

Now, Alawi intends to resurrect aspects of Iraq's former military, enlarging the overall army while creating police and paramilitary units focused on fighting terrorists and insurgents and controlling riots.

The paramilitary Iraqi Civil Defense Corps — which U.S. administrators created as a force distinct from the military to battle insurgents — would be redesigned as a national guard force and placed under army control, along with border guards and other independent units.



Iraqi interim Prime Minister Iyad Alawi, in dark suit, walks under heavy guard near Musayib, Iraq, southwest of Baghdad on Saturday. Alawi visited the site of an irrigation canal that has been ruined by oil seeping into the groundwater after an oil pipeline attack about one month ago.

The country will also build an army special forces capacity and an Iraqi Intervention Force for counterinsurgency operations.

The chief duties of Iraq's fledgling air force, with just two small surveillance aircraft in its inventory, will be to monitor pipelines, electrical transmission lines and borders, Alawi said.

As a last resort, Alawi said he would send Iraq's army, meant to protect the country against foreign invasion, to fight the guerrillas.

"They are trying to destroy our country and we are not going to allow this," he said. Alawi said his ministers are also discussing the imposition of emergency law in parts of Iraq. "We might impose some kind of martial law in some places if necessary in accordance with the law

and in respect to the human rights and the international law," he said.

Sen. Joseph Biden, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, expressed concern over the idea of martial law, saying Iraqi troops were not strong enough to enforce it and that U.S. forces could be dragged into doing so.

"I'm not so crazy about this," Biden, who met Alawi during a one-day visit to Iraq on Saturday, said on ABC's "This Week."

"A government should never lay down an order they can't enforce. I am positive that Alawi is not in a position to enforce such a law now, without the United States doing it," he said.

Biden urged NATO countries, particularly France and Germany, to help Iraq on security. Refusal to do so would be "irresponsible," he said.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

June 18's of Friday, 831 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 612 died as a result of hostile action and 219 died of nonhostile causes. The department did not provide an update on Saturday.

The British military has reported 58 deaths: Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 693 U.S. servicemen have died — 503 as a result of hostile action and 190 of nonhostile causes, according to the military.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A soldier died of wounds suffered Friday in Balzira, Iraq, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No identifications reported.

U.S. makes deal with town leader

By FISNIK ABRASHI

The Associated Press

BAQOUBA, Iraq — The U.S. military handed security responsibility back to local leaders in the nearby town of Buhzir on Sunday after hammering Sunni Muslim insurgents in three days of clashes that killed 19 militants and one U.S. serviceman.

The deal calls for American troops to pull back — and for Iraqi police to step in — establishing security in the town of 40,000, U.S. military officials said.

Similar arrangements have been reached in Najaf, Fallujah and elsewhere in Iraq where the Americans have stepped back and allowed Iraqi forces to assume greater security roles following clashes with insurgents.

"That could become the pattern across much of the country as the U.S.-run coalition hands over sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government," June 30.

"Our goal here in 10 days will be the full sovereignty here in Iraq," said Col. Dana J.H. Pittard, the commander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. "If we cannot trust the police for maintaining control of order, then who can I trust?"

Under the plan, local security forces will conduct patrols and keep insurgents at bay while the Americans will hang back and conduct only sporadic patrols. The Americans reserved the right to return to force should their patrols be fired upon, Pittard said.

The deal was struck after hours of talks in the nearby city of Baqouba, which is 35 miles northeast of the capital, Baghdad.

"We have been given guarantees by the chief of



An Iraqi woman looks out of a window in her war-damaged building in the village of Buhzir, near Baqouba, Iraq, on Saturday. U.S. troops fought militants for a fourth straight day Saturday in clashes around the city of Baqouba, that have killed at least six Iraqis and one U.S. soldier, military officials and witnesses said.

police and the local leaders that they will maintain order and we will respect that," Pittard said.

The clashes in Buhzir began Wednesday when insurgents fired on U.S. troops after they had wrapped up a meeting with the mayor to discuss reconstruction projects. Two days of intense fighting that followed killed at least 19 insurgents and a U.S. soldier, Pittard said.

Gen. Walid Abdul-Salaam, the chief of police for the Diyala province, said 13 civilians were killed and 34 wounded during the fighting.

Fighters often do not take their wounded or dead to local hospitals, out of fear of arrest by U.S. authorities.

Insurgents strike Iraqi troops in attack near airport in Baghdad

By CHRIS TOMLINSON

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Attackers laying in wait for Iraqi troops detonated a roadside bomb on the dangerous road leading to Baghdad's airport Sunday, killing two Iraqi soldiers and wounding 11 others.

American troops took the Iraqi wounded to a U.S. aid station for treatment and waited together with them as the wounded were treated. Iraqi soldiers wept and hugged their U.S. comrades.

Also Sunday, U.S. forces clashed with insurgents in Samarra, striking back with helicopters gunships after guerrillas fired mortars into a residential neighborhood. U.S. 1st Infantry Division spokesman Maj. Neal O'Brien said at least four insurgents were killed.

In Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, insurgents fired mortar shells into a residential area striking a home and killing a husband and wife, Iraqi authorities said.

The U.S. military said an Ameri-

can Marine was killed in action Saturday in Anbar province, which includes Ramadi and Fallujah. A mortar round also injured six police officers and four Iraqis in a separate attack Sunday near the Iraqi central bank in the heart of Baghdad.

U.S. soldiers accompanying the Iraqis on the often-attacked airport road said the Americans had just passed a traffic circle when the Iraqis behind them when assaulters set off the roadside bomb.

Insurgents have hammered Iraqi security forces to discourage volunteers from bolstering security forces straining to create stability before the interim government assumes power June 30.

Later Sunday, shooting broke out behind the Palestine Hotel, headquarters of several international news organizations. Hotel guards returned fire, and U.S. troops manned positions on the blue walls around the compound near the circle where Saddam Hussein's statue was hauled down in April 2003.

1st AD troops 'breathing normally again'

First of 13,000 Germany-based GIs return after 15-month Iraq tour

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — When the long-awaited order "dismissed" finally came, the status-equal woman ran into the tall officer's arms.

Walter and Eden Dunn kissed. They then danced.

Wordlessly, gracefully, blissfully, they danced an impromptu slow dance while other families reunited around them.

Lost in each other, they kept dancing until nearly everyone else had left.

Capt. Walter Dunn, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Armored Division, is home.

Dunn was one of 85 soldiers and officers in the 1st AD's advanced party who arrived at Baumholder, 2nd Brigade headquarters, early Sunday morning.

Another 20 or so people arrived at the division headquarters in Wiesbaden. They are the vanguard for more than 13,000 1st AD troops on their way home to U.S. bases in Germany from Iraq. The war has been brutal for Baumholder. The division was scheduled to return starting in April, and many Baumholder-based soldiers did — only to go back to war. The division got a 90-day extension after a spike in violence across Iraq in the run-up to the June 30 transfer of power.

On one day alone, April 29, eight soldiers were killed and four wounded by a car bomb in Baghdad.

The second homecoming was close to perfection — overdue or not when it came. At precisely 12:30 a.m., a few hours after their C-17 landed at Rhein-Main Air

Base, soldiers and officers marched into Baumholder's flag-decked gym, filled with friends, banners, balloons, bouquets and welcome-home signs.

After a brief prayer, an even more-to-the-point welcoming speech by Capt. Jonathan Corneil, 2nd Brigade rear detachment commander, and the playing of the national anthem and the official Army song, the soldiers were really home.

Being safe in Germany and out of the unrelenting heat and danger of Iraq is "like starting your life again," said Spc. John Seawell, 21, with Headquarters, Headquarters Company of the 2nd Brigade.

"It's like breathing again," added Pfc. Pedro Vasquez, 23, of the same company. "It's like you've been holding your breath and now you can start breathing normally again."

Sunday morning's return was the second for some families waiting in Baumholder's Hall of Champions gymnasium.

Jacquie Mack's husband, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Mack, 40th Engineer (Combat) Battalion, made it home last April, but stayed only three weeks before returning to Iraq. Her children — ages 7 and 8 — were so disappointed, "I didn't even tell them till the drive to come here" that their father was coming home again, she said.

The Iraq deployment was the hardest in Joseph Mack's 20-year Army career, his wife said. "Then, he went back the second time," she said, adding she was more angry than upset. "But that's part of the job he's done for 20 years," she said. "We knew the mission wasn't complete."



Wearing T-shirts with the image of Staff Sgt. Ronald James on the front, Nishonda James, the boy's mother, holds hands with her son, Richard, 14, just before the family was reunited Sunday in Baumholder, Germany.

At Baumholder, there are a lot of women in the same situation. Though Edna Dunn hadn't seen her husband in 15 months, she considers herself almost fortunate compared to wives in the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Brigade, most of whose husbands came home, then went back.

"No way I could feel sorry for myself when I knew girls from 2-6 who put their husbands right back on the plane," Dunn said.

The advance party's return was a community event, with many of the 100-plus on hand there to welcome home soldiers and officers who are not their own.

Some soldiers, such as Staff

Sgt. Ronald James, of the 47th Forward Support Battalion, drew a crowd. Waiting for him was his wife, Nishonda, sons Ronald Jr., 17, and Richard, 14, as well as April Speight and her daughters Kasjah, 3, and Kiyah, 1.

"He's loved!" is how April Speight explained why she was there for Ronald James though her husband, Capt. Kenneth Speight, is still down range.

Tina Olson was one of three sergeant majors' wives who will have to wait a little longer to welcome husbands home. But even after her husband, Sgt. Maj. Brian Olson of the 2-6, returns, she'll be there every time another

group comes back to Baumholder, she said.

"I don't care if it's 3 a.m.," said Olson, the 2-6 Family Readiness Group leader. "Every single soldier."

If the night was close to perfect, the knowledge that so many 1st AD troops are in harm's way was still on many minds.

While he was thrilled to be holding his wife again, Dunn said he won't feel "complete" until the rest of his team is home, especially his friend Capt. Joe Ewers.

"The mission is never complete until you get the team back," he said. "When he gets back, then I'll feel complete."

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U.S. senators ask for more international help in Iraq

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. senators strongly criticized France and Germany, saying Iraq needs more international help including the support of NATO to provide security in Iraq after the transfer of political control at month's end.

"If we don't hand over the capacity for this sovereign government to be secure within its own borders and to be at peace with itself, then we're going to inherit a circumstance in Iraq that is equally as dangerous to us" as having ousted President Saddam Hussein in power, said Sen. Joseph Biden, a Democrat.

"It's time for NATO, and particularly the French and the Germans, to act more responsibly now, notwithstanding their frustration with President Bush," said Biden, one of three senators who met with Iraq's interim prime minister, Iyad Allawi, in Baghdad on Saturday.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, asked about the refusal so far by France and Germany to make new troops available and help resolve Iraq's large foreign debt, said: "It's really time that they do step up."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, who joined Biden on the trip to Iraq, said he agreed with Biden's call for more involvement by France and Ger-

many and an active role for the military alliance.

"The one thing you learn when you go to Iraq (is) that this is a world problem if we fail. It could be a world success if we succeed. But the international community has a chance to be helpful at a time when Iraq needs it the most," said Graham, a Republican who appeared with Biden on ABC's "This Week."

Graham said the U.S.-led coalition made mistakes after the war that deposed Saddam, among them underestimating the number of people needed on the ground and the difficulty of securing international aid.

"We have made it difficult at times to get international cooperation. But that's in the past. It is now time for NATO to help where NATO can," Graham said. "We need so many services, the Iraqi people do, that could turn this thing on a dime."

Frist, who also visited Iraq recently, told "Fox News Sunday" that it was time for other countries "to step up and to aggressively, I think, come to the table in Iraq. I'd like to see NATO come forward somewhat more aggressively."

President Bush, at an economic summit this month on Sea Island, Ga., discussed the possibility of an expanded role for NATO in Iraq,

and the issue is to resurface at an alliance summit June 28-29 in Turkey.

Sixteen of the 26 NATO members have troops in Iraq and the alliance provides logistical help for a Polish-led division in the country.

The Bush administration would like the alliance to take on additional duties, such as training Iraq's new army and sending more troops.

Biden, top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he thinks U.S. forces will have to stay in Iraq "well through" December 2005. American military commanders, he said, "are aware that there is going to have to be a surge of forces" as January's elections approach.

He said it is going to take more time, energy and money to get allies to help train Iraqi forces.

"The idea that we're going to have an Iraqi police force that's competent and an Iraqi military that's competent to take care of their own security in the next six months to a year is totally unrealistic," Biden said.

The coalition should reach out to the major world powers to entice them "to participate in various ways into the deal here," Biden said.

As for the U.S. presence, Biden said, "We cannot have additional American troops. But we're not going to be in a position where we have fewer American troops."



U.S. senator Joseph Biden, left, is greeted by Iraq's interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi during a fact-finding mission Saturday in Baghdad.

'We're not heroes, we just bring them home'

Medics care and comfort wounded troops on flights from Iraq to Landstuhl hospital

By RICK SCAVETTA
Stars and Stripes

BALAD, Iraq — Soon after the C-141 Starlifter touched down, medics attached to the 791st Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron began converting the cargo plane into a flying ambulance.

Nine seriously wounded troops on stretchers and 12 "walking wounded" were on their way, and the medics had to get the plane ready for the long flight to Germany.

A small radio blasted out the rhythms of INXS as the seven medics set up frames to hold stretchers and ran cables for oxygen. They had about an hour before the patients arrive.

"We're not heroes, we just bring them home," said Capt. Kimberly Brady, 34, of Maryland, an Air Force nurse who directs the medical crew that takes care of the injured while in flight. "We feel honored and privileged to know we're a part of this."

"Everyone who comes on our plane is a hero ... they went [to Iraq] as heroes," she said.

Some of the wounded come from the Army field hospital at Balad's Logistics Support Area Anaconda. Others are flown in from around the theater by helicopter or on a C-130.

The cargo bay on a C-141 can hold up to 103 stretchers. One crew carried 77 patients, the largest single load from Iraq, Brady said. But the number of patients does not define their workload, Brady said, it's the extent of their injuries.

They are airlifting people's sons and daughters, sometimes with parts of their bodies missing, parts of their souls missing," Brady said.



RICK SCAVETTA/Stars and Stripes

Air Force Capt. Kimberly Brady and her crew of medics prepare a C-141 Starlifter to carry wounded patients from Iraq to Germany. Brady said April was the heaviest medical airlift since Vietnam: about 2,800 injured troops. Bullets, rockets and shrapnel caused major injuries, claiming limbs and lives.

Some have died before getting aloft. Others die in flight.

Weeks later, the team will see a face in a newspaper and know that one of their patients died in the hospital.

Crews from the Air Mobility Command flying cargo to Iraq often have a sleepy crew of medics aboard, said Lt. Col. Phillip "Hawkeye" Pierce, a C-141 pilot from the 89th Airfield Squadron out of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

After the C-141 lands, the plane's crew help clear the way for the medics to set up their gear. They often watch in awe as

the medics set to work caring for the wounded, Pierce said.

"The dedication of the medical personnel is phenomenal, considering the pressure they are under," Pierce said.

A flight nurse for eight years, Brady is a nurse practitioner and float nurse at a hospital in Washington D.C., when she's not serving in uniform. She and her crew, many who are volunteers from Reserve units, have been flying patients out of Iraq since November.

Most of their patients are combat injuries heading to the Army's hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

They also cared for Thomas Hamill, the KBR contractor captured in April by Iraqi insurgents. He was aboard their flight just three hours after he evaded his captors, Brady said.

Hamill didn't say much about his captivity, and "the last thing he needed was us asking him lots of questions," Brady said.

Knowing how to comfort patients goes along with the job.

Sometimes patients are missing arms or legs. "And they say they want to go back," Brady said.

Sometimes wounded troops are toward the front of the plane,

while their dead comrades may be in the back. They keep them separated, but the troops know their fallen buddy is on the ride home.

Bedside manners are an inherent part of the job, using kind words and compassion, Brady said, "and we're holding the morphine."

Some men are self-conscious of their wounds, asking how they will explain their disfigurements and injuries to wives and girlfriends or if they will be able to father children, Brady said.

"They really worry about that stuff," she said.

April was a very bloody month, Brady said.

In fact, her unit conducted what Brady said was the heaviest medical airlift since Vietnam: about 2,800 injured troops. Bullets, rockets and shrapnel caused major injuries, claiming limbs and lives.

"CNN only covers [troops] that died," Brady said. "You're not seeing the wounded around those killed."

During April's heavy fighting, the team treated patients on flights about three days each week. Now they're down to two days.

"It's good if business is slowing down," Brady said. "We want to be put out of business."

What's unclear is whether or not violent attacks against coalition forces will increase as the June 30 deadline to hand over power to the new Iraqi government draws closer.

"We're still very much in business," Brady said. "We're worried that the end of this month will be going bloody and turn into April all over again."

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Iraqis turn to Viagra to combat stress, revive sex drive

By JEFFREY FLEISHMAN
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD — Life is violent, minds are frazzled and the little blue pill is selling hot on Sadoon Street.

"People are depressed, so they need antidepressants and other drugs to give them interest in sex," said Talid Abdul-Amir Shebany, a pharmacist who tracks the changing ailments of Iraqis in a worn ledger on his desk. "Viagra sales have at least doubled since the war ended. Lives are not good. There's bombs and tension. When you see bodies and destroyed houses, you have psychological disturbances that affect sexual desire."

Emotional demons and persistent stress have disturbed the rhythm of life, from eating to traveling, said a burgeoning black market in medicines and increased freedom of expression have allowed Iraqis to experiment with

pill and remedies to fix what has gone wrong.

Viagra and its copycats — Kamagra from India, Novagra from Britain and Vega from Syria — have been available for several years, but importation was limited, taxed and heavily regulated by the former Iraqi Health Ministry.

Those barriers are gone. Drugs are cheaper — four Kamagra tablets sell for \$2.50 — and sometimes even women in this tribal, patriarchal society will whisper their husbands' dysfunctions into the pharmacist's ear.

"The Quran does not forbid Viagra," Shebany said. "In Islam, if a man can't sexually satisfy his wife, she can ask for a divorce. Viagra helps prevent this disaster."

The popularity of Viagra points to new wrinkles in Iraqi society.

Satellite TV — forbidden under Saddam Hussein — is beaming

sex and its accoutrements into mud-brick huts and marbled mansions. Selling alongside Viagra in many pharmacies are breast-enhancement creams, skin whitening gels and herbal slimming products. And young Iraqi men — too poor these days to make suitable husbands — are trolling discreet red-light districts with condoms and sex pills as prostitution has flourished.

"My sales of the Viagra and other sex medicines are much bigger now," said Hamid Badhy, standing under a fan in the Sadoon Pharmacy.

"For young men, the war brought democracy and freedom and more time for sex. The repression is gone. People are getting more open about it, although some still ask for the 'blue tablet' because they're embarrassed."

A few doors down, Mustafa Izy

munched on sunflower seeds in his pharmacy, where car exhaust and dust have settled on his glass counter. He is a grumpy man, and Viagra is not a particularly big product for him.

"It is a cosmetic drug," he said. "The security situation is so bad these days that people's sexual appetites are down. I have more people asking for anti-anxiety medicines such as Valium and Xanax."

Business was slow in Shebany's pharmacy. Men and women sauntered in and out, unfolding crumpled pieces of paper scrawled with names of medicine.

Shebany's assistant, Hassan Ubaidy, a muscular man, brought out a plate of cookies, and the two men pondered sex and war and the emotional battles in between.

"I was outside Iraq for three years and my sexual activity was good," Ubaidy said. "But now I'm back, and because of these times

my desires have gone down. I don't use Viagra. I work on bodybuilding."

About an hour earlier, several mortar rounds had landed only blocks away, another in a string of random explosions in a city of smoke wyes and death. Shebany noted the increase in prostitution. "When a young man comes and buys one Viagra pill and four condoms, that's his night."

A meticulous man, Shebany smiled at what things have become in a land caught between secularism and religion, between war and peace, between the sanctity of the bedroom and the fear on the street.

"Psychologically, there is a need for Viagra and these other things," he said. "There are other reasons, too. More and more elderly men are marrying younger women because young men have no jobs and no money and can't afford to get married. And, these days, older men are going to need a little help if they have to satisfy three young wives."

Getting construction off the ground in Iraq

First-on-the-scene Seabees keep low profile in scouting out projects

BY CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

FALLUJAH, Iraq — The convoy rolled at 8:30 a.m. and as usual would be rolling through some dicey territory.

The troops had already been briefed on what to do if the convoy was ambushed, or if one of the Humvees broke down, or if a car pulled alongside one of the Humvees and blew up.

"The latest thing is for an enemy vehicle to try to split the

convoy," the troops are told. "They try to destroy half the convoy and capture the other half."

Construction projects in Iraq have to start somewhere, and they often start with a stealth mission by the Seabees Engineering Reconnaissance Team, or SERT, the tip of the Seabee spear.

A SERT team travels quickly to the sites of future projects, takes pictures and notes, transmits the data using satellite technology, then high-tails it back to the safety of a coalition base.

Engineers will use the information provided by the SERT to decide how much labor, material and time it will take to build a bridge, erect a camp or make a broken building usable.

"We give them enough information to get their plans started," said Chief Petty Officer Clinton George of Douglassville, Ga.

George's SERT team belongs to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 but is attached to the 1 Marine Expeditionary Force Engineering Group, whose job is to build what's needed in central

and western Iraq. This day's SERT mission would be simple but potentially dangerous.

The six Humvees conveyed to a property on the opposite side of Fallujah, a combustible Sunni city 50 miles west of Baghdad. The destination was a two-acre site with a small, dilapidated building to be used by Iraqi security forces.

As always, the trip tested the troops' alertness and nerves. The

what he'd do if someone appeared in a window and pointed something his way.

"If I had reasonable suspicion that it was [a rocket-propelled grenade], then I'd open up," he said.

The SERT team had not yet opened up during its 70 missions over the past 3½ months but it could. Seabees who do construction work in a war zone are usually accompanied by Marines or someone else who provides security. But the combat-trained SERT team provides its own security.

Its 10 members are specially selected for their skills. There is a plumbing specialist, an electrician, a navigator and so on. Each Seabee battalion has a SERT

team. Petty Officer 1st Class Daryl Houk of Clinton, Mo., is the mechanic.

He makes sure there is food and water in the rigs; the communications gear and weapons are up, and that everyone is packed and ready for the mission at hand.

"The vehicles must be fueled up and mechanically sound and ready to go the distance we have to travel," Houk said. "Pre-checks are a must for us. On the road we have no parts support, we have nobody else who can help us."

"I need to know how to fix that Humvee with what we have."

As some of the SERT members guarded the perimeter, others at

the site discussed what was needed — a stronger road and walls, bunkers, a graded parking area, toilets.

Once they knew what they needed, the SERT team fired up the six Humvees and rumbled back to Camp Fallujah.

They make trips by land, air or sea, sometimes taking roads less traveled and sleeping under the stars. This trip, however, took just two hours.

The work at the site could take a week to finish or several months, depending on how it is prioritized. But for now the SERT team's job was over, and this one had gone off without a hitch.

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Czekner of Catausqua, Pa., watches for the enemy from atop a Humvee during a recent mission.

Humvees passed disabled vehicles that could have been rigged to explode. A man who was carrying two sacks of something darted across the road between Humvees. He kept going and so did the convoy.

Upon arrival, the armed Humvees fanned out around the perimeter of the property, guns pointing outward.

Atop one of them, Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Czekner, a 24-year-old utilityman from Catausqua, Pa., watched for anything suspicious.

"People on rooftops, people grouped together, vehicles that came to a sudden stop," Czekner said. "And, of course, gunshots."

He watched an empty house 150 yards away from behind his machine gun, which was ready to inflict much damage with its 7.62 mm rounds. Czekner was asked



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From left, Lt. (j.g.) Michael Walsh of Youngstown, Ohio, Chief Petty Officer Brian Dunleavy of North Beach, Md., Petty Officer 2nd Class Oliver Taylor of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Lt. Marcus Williamson of Gainesville, Fla., discuss work to be done at a lot outside Fallujah, Iraq. The four are members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74's Seabee Engineering Reconnaissance Team.

Iraq oil flow still stopped as pipeline repairs continue

BY TAREK EL-TABLAUWY
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Repairs continued on two key pipelines that transport crude oil to offshore oil terminals in the south, prolonging Iraq's absence from the market, a coalition spokesman said Sunday.

"As of 16:10 Sunday, according to our contact with the South Oil Company, repairs of the 42-inch (diameter) and 48-inch (diameter) pipelines had not ... been completed," Dominic D'Angelo said. "Therefore no crude oil is being exported from Iraq at the moment."

Iraqi oil officials had predicted that crude oil exports would resume Sunday and had said repairs on the smaller of the

two key oil arteries had been completed. D'Angelo said those claims were inaccurate and said an estimate of when partial repairs could resume was not available.

"Based on this information, anyone who says oil is currently being exported from the south is misinformed," he said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

The lines were damaged Tuesday and Wednesday in separate sabotage attacks, resulting in a halt to Iraq's oil exports from the Basra Terminal and Khor al-Amaya.

At least 1.5 million barrels a day move through the lines that are the country's main conduit to outside markets. A third, smaller line linking the oil fields of Kirkuk, in the north with the Turkish port of Ceyhan have been halted since an attack on that line last month.

Analysts said that the halt in exports is costing Iraq about \$65 million daily in lost oil revenue.

does not include environmental and indirect costs. Iraq's new interim leaders have described such attacks as "crimes" aimed at derailing the conflict-ridden na-

tion's bid to security and democracy following the June 30 handover of power.

Iraqi oil officials said earlier Sunday they anticipated that repairs on the larger of the twin lines in the south would be completed in about six days.

D'Angelo said a section of pipe needed to repair the breakpoint on that line had been delivered, paving the way for repairs to proceed on that line.

Iraq has the world's second-largest oil reserves. But years of war, U.N. sanctions and mismanagement have left Iraq with dilapidated and obsolete oil facilities, and Iraqis have failed to restore crude exports to prewar levels of more than 2 million barrels a day.

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Available info on tax immunity for foreign survivors criticized

BY WARD SANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

Her husband had just died of Alzheimer's disease.

It was 1997, and Maria del Carmen Reimonde was alone. Her Air Force retiree husband, however, had signed up — and paid for — the military's Survivor Benefit Plan so that his wife would have an income if something ever happened to him. But Reimonde, who is Spanish and lives in Seville, soon found that she was receiving only 70 percent of her benefit because military accountants were deducting 30 percent as tax.

"I was living on \$400 and something per month," she said. "That was the 70 percent. Thank God I own my home."

Only this year did she find the required form to keep the tax from being withheld. Before, she had to petition the IRS annually for a refund. As a Spanish citizen, she didn't own the United States any of it.

Spain and the United States have signed a treaty preventing taxation by both countries at once. But it took nearly a decade for the military to recognize it. And today, retirees complain that all such treaties are not listed on the military's online Financial Management Regulation, despite years of vets' efforts to get the agreements recognized. Retirees and survivors also complain that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service still deducts the taxes unless the proper forms are filled out — something many elderly foreign widows don't understand.

"I think that's not only illegal, but immoral as well," said Reimonde, now 62. "They have to punish people because they choose to live in their own countries."

After about eight years of complaints from Bill Thomas, a retired naval lieutenant commander, the military recognized the U.S. treaty with Spain.

Thomas felt relieved he could help others, but was mostly worried for the woman he met on Valentine's Day 1983 at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid.

"I went through this to protect my wife," said Thomas, who still lives in Spain. "That's what got me started back in 1994. I saw what was going to happen to her."

Later, in 2002, Wylie Miller, president of the U.S. Military Retiree Association of Southern Italy, took up the standard. Miller wanted another 19 nations listed by the IRS recognized by the military, too. In October, following his efforts and a story in Stars and Stripes, the DFAS director of finance, Jerry S. Hinton, issued a memo recognizing all the treaties.

The retirees were quiet and content. Then this April, just out of curiosity, Miller checked the list again as published online by the Defense Department comptroller. He found the 19 disputed



Wylie Miller

Tax-exempt foreign survivors

Foreigners whose American military spouses enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan do not have to pay U.S. taxes once their spouse dies, provided they live in their native countries, and that country has a tax treaty with the United States. Retirees complain that this information is difficult to obtain, and that the military's online Financial Management Regulation doesn't list all the affected countries. The regulation is available at: www.dod.mil/comptroller/fmr/07b.083.pdf

Nations recognized as having tax treaties but unlisted in the online comptroller regulation:

China, Lithuania, New Zealand, Estonia, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Sweden, Hungary, Mexico, Thailand, India, Portugal, Turkey, Ireland, Russia, Venezuela, Latvia, South Africa and Kazakhstan.

Countries already listed as having signed tax treaties with the United States:

Australia, Belgium, Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Korea, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United Kingdom.

Surviving spouses in these countries can stop withholdings but must file IRS form W-8BEN to do so. The form should be sent to:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
US Military Annuity Pay
P.O. Box 7131
London, KY 40742-7131
USA

nations were not on it, despite Hinton's memo. Miller wrote another letter in complaint.

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Summer school to aid 1st AD families

Program aimed at providing fun, relief for parents

BY LISA HORN
Stars and Stripes

The mention of summer school to most children draws groans that sound like they have just been read a death sentence.

This summer, however, Department of Defense Dependents Schools hopes to change that by offering a summer school program that will be fun for students and provide much-needed relief to parents, according to Dr. Candace Ransing, deputy director for DODDS-Europe.

The program, offered only in 1st Armored Division communities, is aimed at easing the burden on 1st AD families, many of whom have been operating as single-parent households while spouses are deployed.

First AD troops were due home in April but received an extension that could take them through August.

The last time DODDS offered summer school was three years ago. Ransing says this year's program was created because 1st AD families had requested additional support.

The program is for kindergarten through eighth grade. It runs from 9 a.m. to noon June 28 through July 23 in Baumholder, Giessen, Hanau and Wiesbaden.

The summer classes are designed to build on basic skills in language arts, reading and math that students learned during the school year. But they will be presented in a nontraditional, creative way.

In the third-through sixth-grade program, children can take a mystery-themed class that will look at earth, space, ocean and magnets. Sixth-through eighth-graders will explore the various forms of media and examine TV-viewing habits.

Parents have different reasons for sending their children, but most agree that it will give parents a

much-needed break, even if it's just three hours a day.

"We're the sole provider — 24 hours [a day] — and I feel like my kids don't enjoy it when I drive them to the commissary, pay the bills, pick up that, and that," Susanne Flum, whose son, Kevin, 11, and daughter, Alisa, 6, will attend the program at Giessen Elementary School. "I can honestly tell you that I'm not as strong as I was a



Susanne Flum



Jennifer Wagner

Online program offers class with no classroom

High school students are currently testing a way to attend summer school without ever stepping foot in a classroom.

This summer, Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe is offering an online summer school for students who need extra help in algebra, geometry or English.

"The only thing [students] have to do is sit down at the computer every day, log on and do their work," said Dr. Candace Ransing, deputy director for DODDS-Europe.

"As long as they complete the course and get a passing grade, [they] can get that D or F off their transcript."

The first class of the pilot program began June 7 and will last eight weeks, with other cycles beginning each Monday in June. DODDS was originally allotted 138 slots, but as of June

17, 226 students are enrolled in the program, Ransing said.

Marco Defenbaugh, who just finished his junior year at Bamberg High School, is taking an online course in geometry and English this summer.

"I'm not really good in math," said Defenbaugh, who hopes to improve his grade with the summer school course and complete English 12 to give him an extra credit during his senior year.

Most school students also are getting in on the act. Thirteen students at Ramstein Middle School and 30 Heidelberg Middle School students are currently taking pilot algebra courses online. There are still slots available for the Heidelberg course, Ransing said.

If both programs run successfully, DODDS may offer a regular online summer school as early as next summer.

—Lisa Horn

year ago. ...

"It isn't just for the children, it's for [all] of us. It gives us a little time away from one another ...

and it gives them a chance to be with children their age." Jennifer Wagner agreed. She is also hopeful that the summer school's smaller classes will help her daughter progress with reading.

"She's a kinder-gardener and she's just not catching on to the whole letter thing ... and she's kind of behind," Susanne Flum said. "I'm sitting down with her myself and [helping her], but it's just not the same, because I'm her mom."

"I figured a whole summer

without any practice on reading would really set her behind."

Despite the tumultuous spring semester adjusting to the news of the extension, students on a whole scored well on standardized tests, Ransing said.

"The schools have been really pleased with the way kids did on the tests," she said. "In spite of the fact that mom and dad were deployed ... and the fact that the week we gave one of the major tests, the kids found out that Mom or Dad were not coming home [on time]."

The 38 DODDS teachers and two administrators who volunteered to conduct the four-week summer school will receive additional pay for their efforts.

First AD spouses can still enroll their children in the program by contacting their school principal.

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Tax: Treaties unrecognized

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"It's been two months and I still haven't heard back," Miller said.

It turns out the information online was just old, said Roger Still, a DFAS spokesman in Denver. But he wasn't sure where else the changes were published in a form accessible to the public.

"It was implemented on Oct. 24, 2002, for all the additional countries," Still said. "The fact it's not listed on the FMR site does not mean it's not listed. ... The problem is it does take, in some instances, an inordinate amount of time to update the military FMR on the Web."

Traditionally, DFAS officials said they had added a nation to their list whenever surviving spouses from a particular treaty country complained.

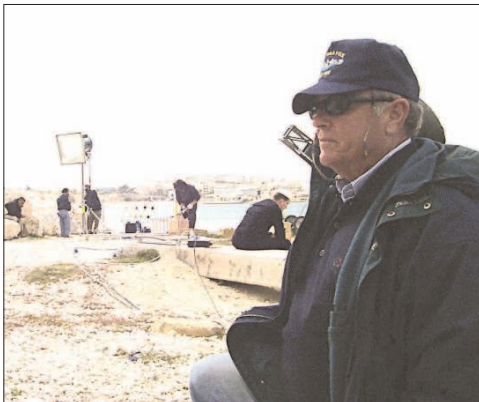
Retirees say many elderly foreign widows simply go without the full benefit. The retirees want the onus to track treaties placed on the government, not the grandmas.

Sadly and ironically given the motivation behind his campaign, Thomas' wife died of cancer last year. She was 73. He is now 74.

"That was the most fantastic person I ever met in my life — man or woman," Thomas said, emotion welling in his voice.

"She went through it all — the Cold War, everything. ... She battled cancer for about 4½ years, and cancer finally won."

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Wylie Miller, president of the U.S. Military Retiree Association of Southern Italy, is seen working as a submarine consultant for a TV movie filmed in Marsaxlokk, Malta. Miller has been one of the leaders behind a continuing effort to get correct, updated information posted online about which countries have a tax treaty with the United States that would allow foreign survivors of military spouses to receive survivor benefits without tax deductions.

Ramstein exercise begins

Extra noise and traffic delays are possible around Ramstein Air Base, Germany, during a military exercise on base starting Monday and continuing until July 10.

Day and night exercise operations will include the use of blank ammunition, flares and other noise-producing simulators. Throughout the period, there may be delays entering or leaving the installation or at base service facilities.

For more information about precautions during exercise, contact the 435th Air Base Wing public affairs office at 66371-47-9196 or DSN 480-9196.

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Wide world of sports beckons staff sergeant

Heidelberg coach for all seasons works with youth, adult teams

BY RUSTY BRYAN
Stars and Stripes

JHEIDELBERG, Germany just as the recruiting posters proclaim, Dominic Budzisz of the 266th Finance Command, joined the Army 20 years ago to see the world.

And because of his enthusiasm for sports, he's seen even more of it than most soldiers.

"It's worked out great," Budzisz, a staff sergeant, said Tuesday evening as he put his team of 8- and 9-year-old soccer players through a scrimmage at Patrick Henry Village. "The good thing about the military is that there are so many opportunities for sports in your off-duty time."

In Budzisz's case, don't confuse "off-duty" time with "free" time. He doesn't have any.

Just two weeks back from coaching the U.S. Forces-Europe team at the USA Rugby military club championships in the States for the second time, Budzisz, a former fly-half, has been picked to manage the U.S. Combined Services Team's summer rugby tour of Europe in July.

"We'll be playing in Amsterdam, Berlin, Warsaw, Prague, Heidelberg and Paris," Budzisz said. "What other soldiers get to travel to all those places?"

In addition to his rugby duties, Budzisz, a single father of an 8-year-old, coaches youth fall and spring soccer and basketball, conducts rugby clinics at Heidelberg High School, helps out with the local German rugby club HRK, and officiates in six sports at youth and adult levels.

"You have to give up all your free time," he said as he explained how he manages so many activities. "But wouldn't you much rather be out here than on the couch somewhere watching TV?"

Budzisz hastened to add that support from his unit was crucial to continuing his sports-filled existence.

"I couldn't do it without support from my unit," he said, adding that without the help of Col. Kevin Troller, the 266th commander, "it wouldn't be possible."

Commanders like Troller, Budzisz went on, have an incentive to be more kindhearted to allow their soldiers to volunteer their time.

"When they see that in supporting you, they're supporting other soldiers, giving them a chance to participate, they'll usually help out," he said.

For an event such as the Combined Services Team's tour, the support structure reaches the military's top levels, Budzisz said.

"They've arranged for a single plane to take all the stateside players from Cherry Point, N.C., to Frankfurt," he said. "For 12 days, we'll stay in barracks — French, British and Dutch."

Missed duty time usually re-



Stripes Spotlight

Staff Sgt. Dominic Budzisz

Budzisz is a volunteer youth coach and referee and is manager of the Combined Services Team's summer rugby tour.

Job: Brigade noncommissioned officer in charge of training for 266th Finance Command, Heidelberg, Germany

Age: 40

Family: Single father of son, Blake, 8

Hometown: Claremont, Calif.

Stars and Stripes

quires the participants to use leave or obtain permissive TDY. Budzisz said that his busy schedule requires other adjustments. "I'll go in early or stay late," he said. "I never schedule a practice before 6 o'clock, so that I won't have to leave work early."

After his experiences at the rarefied levels of top-level rugby, youth soccer might seem a come-down, but Budzisz doesn't see things that way.

"I like dealing with kids better than with the big guys," he said. "You have to coach kids differently than you do adults. Competition is competition, but we try to teach the fundamentals so that they can excel at the team game and have fun. If you keep it fun, they'll keep playing."

Despite the emphasis on fun, Budzisz gives youth soccer all he has.

"He puts the passion into the game," said Bianca Delpino, mother of 9-year-old Danny, one of Budzisz's strikers.

Danny and his brother Tommy, 11, also play rugby at the HRK club. "Right now, it's my favorite sport," Tommy said of rugby.

Budzisz, who took up rugby as a club sport at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, ended his playing days last year when his European side won the 2003 military club championship — the first time a Europe-based team had done so. "I got too old and slow," he said with a laugh. "Chasing those 18-year-olds around the field got to be too much."

As manager of the Combined Services Team, he'll be chasing down problems of various types.

His duties include coordinating logistics and travel; arranging for competitions and training facilities; working as liaison with the U.S. Department of State, local commanders and USA Rugby, the sport's national governing



RUSTY BRYAN/Stars and Stripes

Dominic Budzisz, coach for all seasons, looks for an opportunity to send 9-year-olds Corey Greenwood, left, and Danny Delpino into action during a recent soccer practice.

body, lining up fund-raising, physiotherapist coverage and meals; and meeting with foreign military and civilian dignitaries. Kevin Simibaldi, director of teams for the U.S. Combined Services Committee, wrote in a letter to Budzisz unit.

And before and after the tour, which reaches Heidelberg on July 14, he'll still be coaching. He says it's in his blood.

"My great-uncle was Eddie Casey, first coach of the Washington Redskins in 1919," he said, "and one of my grandfathers coached at Loyola Marymount."

Somewhere, there will always be kids who need a coach. I will be coaching the rest of my life."

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IN THE STATES

9/11 chairman: al-Qaida turned to Iran, Pakistan

BY PETE YOST

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks said Sunday that al-Qaida had much more interaction with Iran and Pakistan than it did with Iraq, underscoring a controversy over the Bush administration's insistence there was collaboration between the terrorist organization and Saddam Hussein.

Thomas Kean made the comment even as he and other commissioners tried to steer clear of the debate over one of the administration's primary justifications for invading Iraq.

"We believe ... that there were a lot more active contacts, frankly, with Iran and with Pakistan than there were with Iraq," said Kean, a former Republican governor of New Jersey.

"Al-Qaida didn't like to get involved with states, unless they were living there. They got involved with Sudan, they got involved ... where they lived, but otherwise no," he told ABC's "This Week."

Kean said a commission staff document is an interim report and "we don't see any serious conflicts" with what the administration is saying.

That report, released last week, said there were contacts between Osama bin

Laden's network and the Iraqi government, but they did not appear to have produced a collaborative relationship.

"I find it, frankly, shocking that the exaggerations of the administration before the war relative to that connection continue to this day," Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., told CNN's "Late Edition."

One commissioner, Republican John Lehman, came to the defense of Vice President Dick Cheney, who is the most aggressive promoter of the idea that there were strong Iraqi ties to al-Qaida.

Lehman said new intelligence that "we are now in the process of getting" indicates one of Saddam's Fedayeen fighters, a lieuten-

tenant colonel, was a prominent al-Qaida member.

Cheney has said he probably has intelligence the commission does not have and "the vice president was right when he said that," Lehman said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Lehman said the press was "outrageously irresponsible" to portray the state report as contradicting the administration.

The commission's vice chairman, former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana, said the White House and the commission agree on the central point: There is no evidence of a collaborative relationship between al-Qaida and Iraq in the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.



THE WASHINGTON POST/AP

Officials tour a wetland Thursday restored to its Civil War-era condition at the Manassas Battlefield in Manassas, Va. The restored wetland was on public display as National Park Service officials formally thanked the Smithsonian Institution for creating an authentic landscape on more than 100 acres.

Manassas Battlefield wetland restored

BY ERIC M. WEISS

The Washington Post

MANASSAS, Va. — A wetland restored to its Civil War-era condition was on public display at the Manassas Battlefield as National Park Service officials formally thanked the agency responsible for creating an authentic landscape on more than 100 acres.

In an unusual partnership, the Smithsonian Institution restored the area to make up for land it disturbed when building its National Air and Space Museum annex near Dulles International Air-

port. Otherwise, battlefield managers said, the Park Service might never have found the money to restore land at the park near Manassas that Congress had seized from a mall developer in the 1980s.

Park Service Director Fran P. Mainella said it would have been many years before the cash-strapped agency could have afforded to do the project itself.

Mainella was joined Thursday by Smithsonian officials, volunteers in heavy wool Civil War uniforms and even a slithering water snake that appeared to be enjoying some of the new wetland.

With some financial help from Virginia, the Smithsonian has restored 115 acres to the way they were during the Second Battle of Manassas in August 1862. Workers excavated 90,000 cubic yards of dirt and planted more than 50,000 native plants and grasses at a cost of more than \$1.4 million.

The land, west of the original battlefield park between Interstate 66 and Route 29, was bulldozed during the 1980s by developer John T. "Til" Hazel, who was planning the William Center, a giant mall and subdivision.

Clinton backs Bush on Iraq invasion, but questions its timing

BY JOHN F. HARRIS

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former president Bill Clinton said he agreed with President Bush's decision to confront Iraq about its potential weapons programs, but thought the administration erred in starting a war in 2003 rather than allowing United Nations weapons inspectors longer to carry out their work.

"In terms of the launching of the war, I believe we made an error in not allowing the United Nations to complete the inspection process," Clinton told CBS News's Dan Rather in a "60 Minutes" interview to air Sunday night.

Clinton made similar comments in an interview with Time magazine, in which he said he "supported the Iraq thing" but questioned its timing. Portions of both interviews — part of the publicity campaign in advance of this week's release of Clinton's memoirs — were distributed in advance by the news organizations.

The Time excerpts, in particular, leave Clinton's views on Iraq somewhat jumbled. He both defends Bush for confronting a threat of which Clinton also spoke in dire terms while president, and minimizes the size and urgency of the problem

posed by Iraq's suspected weapons programs.

Noting that he has "repeatedly defended President Bush against the left" on Iraq, Clinton dismissed the notion that the Iraq war was principally about protecting petroleum or financial interests.

Instead, he asserts that Bush acted primarily for ideological reasons and that the president was under the sway of Vice President Dick Cheney and Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz. "We went in there because he bought the Wolfowitz-Cheney analysis" that defeating Iraq would help transform the greater Middle East toward democracy.

Clinton ordered missile strikes against Iraq in December 1998 but did not press aggressively for U.N. inspections.



Clinton

Report: Va. school official heard boy loading rifle in bathroom

The Associated Press

GAINESSVILLE, Va. — A 12-year-old boy charged with bringing guns into a middle school was found because an assistant principal making rounds heard a cartridge being popped into a rifle inside a bathroom stall, a newspaper reported.

Assistant Principal Jamie Addington, who is a hunter, "knew instinctively" that he had heard the sound of a gun being loaded, his wife, Sherry, told The Washington Post.

Sherry Addington said her husband looked under the stall Fri-

day and saw the boy with a loaded 30-06 rifle, another rifle and a shotgun. Shocked, he called police while the school quickly implemented an emergency plan.

With police on their way, Bull Run Middle School Principal William Bibby announced over the school loudspeaker that there was a student with a gun in the school, that a lockdown was being initiated and that students should get under their desks.

No one was hurt and no shots were fired, but the situation had parents and students shaking their heads in disbelief.

Police charged the boy with pos-



Prince William County, Va., Police Chief Charlie T. Deane, right, and county Superintendent Dr. Edward Kelly talk to reporters Friday after an incident involving guns at a school in Gainesville, Va.

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session of a firearm on school property, possession of a firearm by a minor and other charges. He

was expected to be arraigned Monday in juvenile court.

Naomi Lewis, 38, a cafeteria

worker at Bull Run, was charged with possession of a firearm on school property. Police have refused to say whether Lewis is related to the boy, but news reports have identified her as his mother. Investigators said Lewis saw the guns in her car after she drove with the boy to school, locked them in the vehicle and told no one.

Police said the boy later used a key to retrieve the weapons without Lewis' knowledge.

Friends, neighbors and fellow students described the boy as quiet and polite, but also said he was mercilessly teased about his weight, his glasses and his clothing.

Pancake entrepreneur, Lapin, dead at 76

BY MYRNA OLIVER
Los Angeles Times

Al Lapin Jr., entrepreneur and restaurateur who, along with younger brother Jerry, founded the International House of Pancakes in 1958 with a single eatery in Toluca Lake, Calif., has died. He was 76.

Lapin died Wednesday at USC/Norris Cancer Center in Los Angeles of cancer, said his son, Randy.

The businessman's roller coaster ride through restaurant chains began with a series of coffee carts called Coffee Time peaked with IHOP, which acquired Or-

ange Julius, Love's Barbecue and Copper Penny among others; careened through Uncle John's Family Restaurants; and came to earth with Pizza Playhouse, which delivered videos with the pepperoni.

Lapin made and lost fortunes, built and lost businesses. In 1989, he declared bankruptcy. But years after he left IHOP in 1973, he still got a kick out of seeing one of the pancake houses he established with its signature blue roof, as he traveled the country.

"It's kind of like seeing your child grow up," he told the Los Angeles Times in 1988. "From time to time, I get irritated because the grass isn't cut right or the paint

isn't right. But like any other parent watching a child grow, I know that the child will do whatever it wants to do."

The son of a professional drummer, Lapin was born in New York but moved to Los Angeles with his family when he was a teenager. After serving in the Army, he went through film school at the University of Southern California and worked in television production. He also worked for the Federal Civil Defense Administration, producing films on surviving atomic attacks.

For the original Toluca Lake restaurant that Lapin started in 1958 with \$25,000, he hired a Cordon Bleu chef to create unusual

pancakes, such as Tahitian Orange Pineapple and Kaula Coconut. The tables boasted pitchers of syrup not likely to be found in the family pantry — boysenberry, blueberry, strawberry — and a "never empty" pot of coffee.

Asked to name his own favorite pancake, his son said, Lapin would deadpan, "the ones that sell."

Lapin added the A-frame roof to his chain theme in 1960 when he built the IHOP on Ventura Boulevard in the Woodland Hills district of Los Angeles.

Lapin is survived by his second wife, Yana, two sons, Randy and Jeffrey; brother, Jerry, and three grandchildren.

Americans have soft side for white bread

BY IRA DREYFUSS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many Americans are like a loaf of bread — soft, with one side round. And some researchers believe their choice of bread may be part of the reason.

The scientists say white bread and other refined grains seem to go to the gut and hang out as belly fat. "Waist circumference was very much associated with this high-refined grains pattern," said Katherine Tucker, an associate professor of nutritional epidemiology at Tufts University in Boston.

The researchers have been following the eating habits of a group of healthy, largely middle-aged people in Baltimore. They focused on 459 people with a variety of eating habits, including some who preferred refined grains and others who preferred fiber such as whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

For those who are not food scientists, refining removes the fibrous bran and oil-rich germ, leaving the sweeter endosperm, the whitish-colored meat of the kernel.



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The Tufts researchers say that, for some reason, calories from refined grains preferred to settle at the waistline. The belt size of the white bread group expanded about one-half inch a year, which probably put some of the research subjects into a larger size of pants over the three years they were followed, Tucker said. At the end, the white bread group had three times the fiber group's gain at the gut.

It's not surprising that the

waists of refined-grain eaters expanded, said Dr. David Ludwig, director of the obesity program at Children's Hospital in Boston. Ludwig was not connected to the Tufts study, but his research had found something similar in a look at younger adults around the nation.

The size of the waistline is important for health as well as looks. A person with a bigger gut has a higher risk of heart disease than a person who weighs the same but who does not carry extra weight around the belly.

Why that is, as well as why refined grains would send more cal-

ories to the gut, is still something of a mystery. The Tufts researchers, who published the waistline data in June of 2003, are now trying to solve that mystery.

Their theory is that it's linked to the ease in which the body breaks down carbohydrates in the endosperm into simple sugars. When sugars flood the body, insulin levels rise to help pull the sugars out of the bloodstream and store them in cells, often as fat.

"I think abdominal fat cells may be more sensitive to insulin's effects than other fat cells in the body," said P. Kristin Newby, lead author of the Tufts study.

Caregivers surrender in neglect case

The Associated Press

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — A couple wanted on child abuse charges surrendered to authorities a month after a 10-year-old girl in their care was removed from their home weighing only 29 pounds.

The malnourished girl was locked in her bedroom for days at a time and fed only milk, nutritional drinks and a spoonful of food three times a day, Hernando County sheriff's investigators said Friday.

The girl's 14-year-old brother sneaked her extra food under her door two or three times a week, investigators said. She was given a paint bucket to use as a toilet.

"It was like the pictures you see for children in orphanages," said a malnourished child in a Third World country, sheriff's Lt.

Joseph Paez said. "It was a real disturbing thing."

The National Center for Health Statistics says healthy 10-year-old girls should weigh from 53 to 106 pounds.

State child-protection workers acting on a complaint removed the girl May 18.

Arthur Thomas Allain Jr., 46, and Lori Allain, 47, were arrested Thursday and released after posting \$20,000 bail each on abuse and neglect charges.

The Allains are not relatives of the children, which means they do not receive payments from the state like foster parents, but are subjected to the same regulations. They dispute the charges.

"I'm absolutely livid," Lori Allain said in a telephone interview Saturday. "I really feel it's retaliatory from the Hernando County Sheriff's department."

Allain said her family has been harassed by the sheriff's department since her children were involved in a scuffle with deputies in January.

The siblings went to live with the Allains after the state terminated their mother's parental rights in 1999. The Allains, who were friends of the family, allegedly began denying the girl food in January 2001.

American Indian youths learn sports, life skills

BY SUSAN MONTROYA BRYAN
The Associated Press

BERNALILLO, N.M. — Harold Hubbard wound the crowd of youngsters with a few tricks from his days with the Harlem Globetrotters, while former NFL offensive lineman Jim Rourke walked a group of boys through football drills.

Hubbard and Rourke were among 40 NFL and NBA veterans and collegiate athletes who hoped they could use the fundamentals of dribbling and tackling to teach some 500 American Indian children from across the nation some important lessons about life.

The three-day Native Vision summer camp weaves football, basketball, volleyball, soccer and track with lessons from the athletes about discipline, empower-

ment and the importance of education.

"It's really to empower the youth and have them believe that a lot of people around this country believe in them and care about them," said Allison Barlow, deputy director of the Center for American Indian Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Clark Gaines, senior regional director for the NFL Players Association and a former New York Jets running back, said the athletes at the camp were perfect for teaching the children about sports and life skills. "A lot of us grew up on the wrong side of the tracks. We dealt with drug abuse, alcohol — we've seen it all around us," Gaines said. "But most of us decided that we wanted to break that cycle within our families. We wanted to break that chain."



Povi Lomayayma, a Tewa-Hopi student from Arizona, tries to run as many laps as she can around her teammates during a traditional American Indian game at the annual Native Vision camp on Friday afternoon at Bernalillo High School in New Mexico.

IN THE WORLD

Al-Qaida claims Saudi police aided kidnapping

By MAGGIE MICHAEL

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — The al-Qaida cell that kidnapped and killed American Paul M. Johnson Jr. said in an online periodical Sunday that sympathizers in the kingdom's security forces supplied it with police uniforms and vehicles and set up fake checkpoints to facilitate last week's abduction.

The cell also confirmed Saturday that its leader, Abdulaziz al-Moqrin, and three other militants were killed in a shootout with Saudi forces in Riyadh the night before.

The group, calling itself al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, also vowed to continue its holy war. It has claimed responsibility for a number of recent attacks targeting Westerners, including the kidnapping and Friday beheading of Johnson.

The details of the kidnapping appeared in Sawt al-Jihad, or Voice of Holy War, a semimonthly online periodical published by al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. A separate article, the final one written by al-Moqrin, justified Johnson's slaying.

The first article said militants wearing police uniforms and using police cars set up a fake checkpoint on al-Qadima Road, leading to the airport, near Imam Mohammed bin Saud University.

When Johnson's car approached the checkpoint June 12, the militants in police uniforms stopped his car — a Camry — detained him, anesthetized him and carried him to another car, the article said.

It said they then blew up Johnson's car. "This car is the one the Saudi media



A Saudi man walks Saturday at a gas station near Riyadh, where a firefight between police and terrorists took place on Friday, killing Abdulaziz al-Moqrin, the kingdom's reputed leader of al-Qaida.

claimed was laden with explosives and that [the security] seized and defused it," the article said.

Security officials said last week that Johnson's car was found near Imam University. Saudi press reports said the car was booby-trapped and later caught fire.

"A number of the cooperators who are sincere to their religion in the security apparatus donated those clothes and the police cars. We ask God to reward them and that they use their energy to serve Islam and the mujahideen," the article read.

Diplomats and Westerners in the kingdom have expressed fears that militants may have infiltrated Saudi security forces and other institutions. Saudi officials have denied this, and there has been no indication that militants used government contacts in Johnson's kidnapping.

The al-Qaida article said the militants decided to behead Johnson when Adel al-Jubeir, foreign affairs adviser to Crown Prince Abdullah in Washington, declared that Saudi Arabia would not negotiate with the kidnappers.

"The stupid Saudi government took the initiative and announced by the Americanized tongue Adel Al-Jubeir that it will not submit to the conditions of the mujahideen, claiming that it doesn't negotiate with terrorists," the statement read.

Johnson, 49, had worked on Apache helicopters for Lockheed Martin.

Al-Moqrin said it is no excuse that Johnson was not a member of the U.S. military.

"We can't preserve the dignity of Muslims but through these means," he said.

Saudis surrounded Riyadh house in search of militants

The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi security forces withdrew Sunday night from a central Riyadh neighborhood they had surrounded for four hours in a hunt for suspected militants.

Police cars, armored vehicles and a large contingent of emergency forces had blockaded the al-Malaz area in a search for suspects, security officials said.

But late Sunday, the blockade was lifted and security forces had gone. It was not clear whether anyone had been arrested.

A massive operation was under way in the same district that was the focus of a huge security sweep against militants sought in the beheading of American hostage Paul M. Johnson Jr., whose body has still not been found. Saudi officials say they are still looking for Johnson's body.

Saudi King Fahd vowed that militants in the kingdom would be stopped.

"... We will not allow this destructive bunch, led by deviant thought, to harm the security of this nation or affect its stability," he said in a speech Sunday to the advisory Shura Council.

The al-Malaz district in Riyadh was the same area where Abdulaziz al-Moqrin, believed to be the leader of al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia, and three other militants were killed in a shootout with Saudi security forces on Friday, hours after their cell killed Johnson and posted photos of his body and severed head on a Web site.

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Americans in Saudi Arabia worried by recent violence

By ADNAN MALIK

The Associated Press

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KHOBAR, Saudi Arabia — Shaken by the kidnapping and beheading of a compatriot, Americans working in Saudi Arabia fear a new terrorist will step in to replace the alleged al-Qaida leader reportedly killed by police.

They found little comfort in the government's announcement that Abdulaziz al-Moqrin and three other militants had died in a gun battle Friday night after killing American engineer Paul M. Johnson Jr.

"I am worried about who is going to step up to take his place and how many of these militants are out there," Jack Smith, 49, an information technology executive in Riyadh, said Saturday.

"I hope the Saudis will squash them all soon," the St. Louis native said of the extremists who have stepped up attacks on Westerners in hopes of undermining the desert kingdom's royal family.

Smith said he had met Johnson several times at barbecues and other get-togethers. "He was a decent guy and a pleasant man to chat with. I feel very sorry for his family."

David Bell, who lives in western Saudi Arabia, expressed skepticism about the Saudi government's ability to impose control.

"What's happened is really very sad, and unfortunately this is not going to stop," said Bell, an engineer from Chicago. "We'll have to be very cautious and I'm just going to keep a very low profile."

Security measures appear to be increasing throughout the kingdom, with razor wire and high walls being erected around residential compounds and some office buildings.

The U.S. Embassy has been urging Americans to leave the kingdom and says those who remain will be urged to take precautions to ensure their safety.

The spouses and children of many Western workers are leaving or already have left for the summer school vacation, planning to reassess the situation at summer's end. Some people have moved temporarily to less-troubled areas in the Persian Gulf.

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Deployments part of the job

When I read "Enforce military standards" (June 15), I wholeheartedly agreed.

Standards are fast going by the wayside in today's military. People always have choices, that's what makes this country great.

But, with choices, consequences always follow. Our military is a great thing, but you can not only support it when you're in garrison. I see people every day who complain about the Army, our president and how this war should never have happened. They complain about how separation and change of station dates have come and gone.

Does anyone remember their enlistment contracts?

As far as I know, the Army can keep me deployed two years after my separation date, and that's fine by me, that's why I signed my contract.

My husband has been gone for almost 14 months, and when we move back to the United States, it will be my turn to go.

As frustrating as it is being apart, we have the most of because we understand this to the part of the job. I've never seen an Army poster that says, "Soldier Hard... when you want to."

Sp. Rebecca Cravens
Baumholder, Germany

U.S. attitude needs to change

This is in reference to letters about the scandal at Abu Ghraib prison.

I am disgusted to read that there are some Americans who are trying to justify this behavior. They are trying to suppress it, and, in some cases, seem to be encouraging it. These people should be ashamed of themselves before writing their letters.

I am a linguist in Iraq, and I am ashamed that I am associated with the servicemen who have committed this crime and with those who are doing little to address the issue.

I am waiting to see the results of the inquiries before I resign.

I fully understand the magnitude of the crimes that the personnel under the Saddam's regime committed against their own people. I know what the terrorist are doing poised to destabilize what the U.S. military has achieved so far. But we came to Iraq as savors, not to mirror Saddam's regime.

I would like to ask those people who have been victims of the Army personnel who committed the crimes: Would you have said the same things if the victims were Americans or Christians or Jews?

This is the main problem that the United States is facing in Iraq: We have so little respect for the culture and religion.

America is becoming a country of hypocrites. But I have the faith in America because these hypocrites are few, and that is why I immigrated to the States and decided to work with a federal government organization.

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But what happened to the values and principles of America? What happened to the values and principles of Christianity? No matter what the deeds of the prisoners were, does your religion allow this treatment? If it does, then I feel sorry for you.

In my opinion, this I would see having happened if the culture of indifference toward the Iraqis was not being encouraged.

I am sorry to say that if this is the way things are going to go on, the future doesn't look good for America in the Middle East. Small signs and attitudes on a daily basis are more important than big signs by the leaders.

To win the war against terrorism, the grassroots-level attitude has to change within the U.S. Army. I am afraid it is going the destructive way.

Nabeel Kareem
Iraq

A round of 'thanks'

Since I have been in Iraq, I have read the letters to the editor and have seen people use it to disagree with each other regarding every topic imaginable.

This is acceptable, because in America, we do not murder each other over differing opinions. In my opinion, I owe several thank you's to various people.

First I want to thank President Bush for giving me the opportunity to realize how great I have in America. I may not live in a mansion or drive fancy cars, but I have the freedom to write this letter.

Why do I have that freedom? Because thankfully there are soldiers (patriotic Americans), past, present, and future who are willing to fight for those freedoms that we all enjoy and all too often take for granted.

Secondly, I owe the soldiers of Company C of the 203rd Combat Engineer Battalion out of Missouri a thank you for making sure I was taken care of when I was attached to their unit in March 2003.

Next, I owe a thank you to several 1st AD soldiers for helping me get new gear after the airlines lost my luggage on my way back to Iraq from emergency leave

last August. Although I can't remember your names, you know you are and I will never forget your kindness.

During the same time frame, I owe Maj. Grinch (I don't remember what unit you were from) a thank you for taking the time to talk to me about God when I had questions, even though we believed different things, which is OK because we are Americans.

Lastly, I owe a thank you to my family and friends for all their prayers and support, especially my mama, who is my true inspiration. May God bless you all.

Sp. Megan Miller
Base Nuesche, Iraq

Soldiers' dress embarrassing

Recently, I stopped at a gas station near Mons, Belgium, and as I was pumping gas I glanced toward the convenience store located on the property.

To my dismay, I saw several soldiers who were standing in front of the convenience store. How do I know they were soldiers? Well, they did look like a bunch of rag-a-muffins and did a great job of embarrassing us of who wear the uniform.

The only redeeming thing was that they did have head cover on, which looked out of place since most of the soldiers here in Class B uniforms—at least 2 of them had Class B uniforms—on at least 2 of them had Class A uniforms—the jacket was completely unbuttoned.

I would like to say that perhaps these were new young soldiers in a foreign country, but the one wearing the Class A uniform had either E-6 or E-7 rank on. It was hard to tell from where I was standing.

It was very obvious that these soldiers never knew or have forgotten they were taught to them in Army Regulation 670-1 "Wear and Appearance of Army Uniform and Insignia."

Call me old Army — 25 years' worth of wearing the uniform and I am not a reservist, but as far as I know AR 670-1 applies to each and every member: active component, reserve, or National Guard who is in the Army.

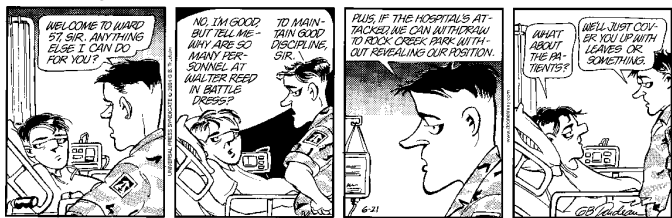
I mother thing that bothered me is these soldiers' security and force protection went way out the window. Perhaps, I just misunderstand what is meant by not drawing attention to yourself.

You may ask why didn't I do a spot correction? Well, at the time, I was pumping gas and before I was finished they got into their government minivan and drove off. But more importantly, I was so angry at seeing the appearances of the soldiers and the fact that they were in uniform that I may have been overly nice in my spot corrections.

Hopefully, their commander, sergeant major, or first sergeant will see this and do the corrections for me. Perhaps you are one of the above, give your soldiers AR 670-1 and help them get their uniforms together.

Sp. Sue Livingston
Mons, Belgium

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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OPINION

A complete commitment to military families

BY SEN. JOHN KERRY

Sunday morning millions of American fathers greeted the day with their families — over their morning coffee, they opened cards, gifts and received phone calls from grown-up children who have left the nest.

But for many fathers and their families, this year is different.

There's an empty chair at the dinner table. Many dads celebrated Father's Day on patrol and on military bases worlds away from their families, serving in harm's way in Afghanistan and Iraq. They endure with courage and quiet dignity in dangerous circumstances, always doing their duty. They shouldn't have to endure additional worry about their families at home, nor should any son or daughter of an American soldier have to worry that his or her dad will have anything less than all the protection he needs to come home as safely and as soon as possible.

Yet too many soldiers and their families have reason to worry. Many military families continue to find it difficult to make ends meet, and the U.S. military that's been over-stretched is also under-equipped.

The courageous men and women of our military deserve more than accolades.

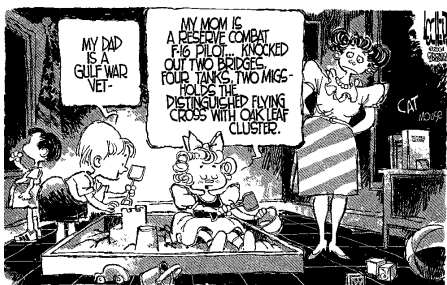
While on active duty, they need up-to-date weaponry and protective gear. They deserve to know that their families are well cared-for, helped by competitive pay and quality housing. They deserve to know that their children are receiving quality education and decent health care, and that their veterans' benefits will help them support their loved ones when they return home. They deserve to be offered real solutions by their country's leadership, not just lip service.

To help ensure that soldiers and their families are provided with the quality of life that they deserve, I have proposed the Military Families Bill of Rights. This plan will guarantee that we keep faith with the men and women who serve our country.

For soldiers on the front lines, we will provide state-of-the-art training, weapons, armor and information technology. We absolutely must protect our soldiers' safety, as they protect ours.

I also propose that the government increase our troop strength by 40,000 to relieve and support these already on the ground all over the world. Presently, our ground forces are stretched too thin — placing a strain on the military and placing a devastating burden on the National Guard, the reserves and their families. We should act to ease their burdens, and more effectively meet our global commitments.

Additionally, my proposal will ensure that the families of these brave individuals receive quality health care, education and housing while they wait for their loved one



to return home. And, should the worst happen, we will make certain that military families are provided for.

It's the job of a president to make our nation's military and the families who support it a real priority. America's security begins and ends with the soldier, sailor, airman and Marine — with every man and every woman in our armed services standing at post somewhere in the world. I promise to put the lives of our military

personnel and their families first.

The sacrifices that our servicemen and servicewomen provide so selflessly is the greatest expression of love of country. It is time that we express our gratitude with real solutions, not just words. On this Father's Day, let us all remember the sacrifices made by our military families. They are providing security for our families, and our government should provide security to theirs.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts is the presumptive Democratic candidate for president.

Limiting Balkan trials will increase tribulations

So much as happened in the world since the Balkan wars of the 1990s that the international community seems to have lost sight of the fact that the wheels of justice are still turning to bring Serbian and

Croatian war criminals to justice. Even as we have debated the worth of the International Criminal Court, actual prosecutions of real crimes against humanity in the former Yugoslavia have slipped from public view.

Last week, Judge Theodor Meron, president of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, was in Washington for consultations and in New York to argue at the U.N. Security Council for continued full funding for bringing criminals to justice.

"What worries me is that the international community becomes blasé to the idea of the court. People get tired and they don't pay up their dues," he says. Judge Meron, a mild-mannered man, speaks with evident passion. As a Holocaust survivor from Poland, erstwhile resident of Israel and U.S. citizen, his deep commitment to see the tribunal to its rightful and just conclusion is highly understandable.

"After half a century of doing nothing, we have shown that credible trials are possible. We have created a body of war-crimes jurisprudence as well as a body of procedural international law. This is an important legacy for the future."

As we have witnessed many other horrors in the intervening years, a reminder may be in order.

committed by all sides. Detention camps sprung up, civilians were shelled, millions of people were driven from their homes, more than 200,000 women were systematically raped, 200,000 people were killed, and men of military age were murdered and buried in mass graves.

In Croatia, which had declared its independence in 1991, Serbs attempted to keep control of the Vukovar region, bombarding the town for three months solid in 1992. Later Croatian troops swept through the Serb-controlled region of Krajina, forcing tens of thousands of Croatian Serbs to flee from their homes toward Serbia proper.

In Kosovo, in 1999, President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia attempted yet another ethnic-cleansing campaign against the Albanian population, burning houses and murdering residents to drive the population out and replace it with Serbs. After NATO finally intervened and bombed Serbia to stop this action, Albanian refugees came back and their leaders in turn drove 100,000 Kosovar Serbs from the province. Europe had not seen crimes against humanity like these since

World War II.

With strong support from the United States, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia was set up in 1993 by the U.N. Security Council. An ad hoc institution, it was later given jurisdiction over the prosecutions of the Rwandan genocide as well, an even more horrific event that took place in the spring of 1994, costing more than 800,000 people their lives.

The Yugoslav and Rwandan tribunals is designed to go out of business when its work is done, which the United Nations has decided will be 2008. There is already a freeze on the hiring of law clerks, which according to Meron is premature.

The highly publicized trial of Milosevic is only now entering the defense stage, which the accused insists on conducting himself. After 35 prosecutions and 17 guilty pleas, there are still 33 prosecutions pending and 20 wanted war criminals are still at large, mainly suspected of hiding in Serbia, including two of the most famous, Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.

And it's not just the suspects that are miss-

ing. According to Meron, Belgrade continues to drag its feet on delivering documents and opening archives. This contrasts with the Bosnians and the Croats, who are largely cooperating with the tribunal.

Meron has an idea for speeding things up. "I am going to propose in my monthly report to the Security Council that the future of prosecutions is in national courts... I want to establish a special war-crimes chamber at the court in Sarajevo to try people who had committed crimes in Bosnia-Herzegovina." He would like to do the same for Croatia.

However, he says, "Belgrade has shown such a lack of cooperation that we cannot send accused Serbian war criminals back." That the leader of the winning party in this month's Serbian elections, Vojislav Seselj, is one of the prisoners awaiting trial in the Hague does not bode particularly well for public sentiment among Serbs.

If we want to close the chapter on the Balkan wars properly, the tribunal's work must go on.

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Helle Dale



Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Nigerian military kills most-wanted U.S. African terrorist

BY HASSANE MEFTAH

The Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria — Algerian troops killed one of North Africa's most-wanted terrorist leaders, who led his group with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, the military said Sunday.

Nabil Sahraoui, one of his key right-hand men and a "good number" of his other lieutenants were killed in a military sweep, the army said in a radio broadcast.

The death of Sahraoui, head of the armed Salafist Group for Call and Combat, marked a major coup for Algerian government efforts to suppress Islamic militancy. Newspapers said the military cornered them in the Kabylie region east of the capital, Algiers.

The daily *Liberte* reported that a forensic police team identified Sahraoui's body after fighting Thursday night. The newspaper *Le Soir* said nearly 3,000 soldiers were involved in the military sweep in wooded mountains in the Bejaia region of Kabylie, some 160 miles east of Algiers.

The sweep began about two weeks ago as Algerian fighters killed about 10 soldiers.

The army radio broadcast said Abbi Abdelaziz, known as

"Okacha the paratrooper" and seen as a potential successor to Sahraoui, was also among those killed.

Sahraoui took over leadership of the Salafist group, known by its French acronym GPSC, last year and declared its allegiance with al-Qaida in September.

The move raised concerns that the Salafists, whose decade-long aim has been to overthrow the Algerian government, could become a dangerous affiliate of al-Qaida and launch terrorist attacks both within their North African territory.

An Algerian in his mid-to-late-30s, Sahraoui had a reputation for ruthlessness, stemming partly from a campaign of killings he led against a now-defunct insurgent group, the Islamic Salvation Army, after it called a cease-fire with the Algerian government in 1997.

Sahraoui took over the Salafist group from longtime leader Hassan Hattab, who reportedly was viewed as too moderate by some group members. Under Hattab, the Salafists distrusted outsiders and kept al-Qaida at arms length, focusing instead on their domestic agenda of combating the government.

However, Algeria's government also blames the group for kidnapping 32 European tourists in 2003.

The Salafists' actual strength is unknown, although experts believe the group is small, with several hundred fighters. The State Department added the group to its list of foreign terrorist organizations in 2002.

The Salafist group is one of two movements fighting to install an Islamic state in Algeria. It was created in a 1998 split with the radical *Front Islamique* Group.



British Prime Minister Tony Blair, left, shares a word with Luxembourg counterpart Jean-Claude Juncker at an EU summit in Brussels on Friday. Seeking to project a new spirit of unity, EU leaders returned to the summit expressing determination to adopt a historic constitution for a united post-Cold War Europe. AP

EU leaders facing a hard sell of constitution across continent

BY ROBERT WIELAARD

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union leaders face an uphill struggle to sell the union's first-ever constitution in the streets and parliaments of Europe where skepticism about more integration is growing.

The historic deal, reached after two days of, at times, contentious talks, now needs to be ratified by each of the 25 member nations either by referendum or parliamentary vote — but immediate reaction on Saturday in some countries suggested just how hard the pitch will be.

Spain's conservative Popular Party criticized the Socialist government for agreeing to a deal it said would decrease Spain's voting clout in Brussels. Spain "is no longer in the group of important countries," said Angel Acebes, a former interior minister.

The Vatican criticized the final document because, despite last-minute lobbying from Pope John Paul II and a last-ditch appeal from Poland, a reference to Europe's Christian traditions didn't make it into the text.

Instead, the preamble notes that Europe draws "inspiration

from the cultural, religious and humanist inheritance of Europe," and freedom of religion and the role of churches in society are mentioned elsewhere.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls lamented the outcome.

"It is a misconception of historical evidence and of the Christian identity of the European population," he said in a statement Saturday.

The treaty includes a 50-article charter of fundamental rights, including the right to free speech and religion as well as shelter, education and fair working conditions. It ends national vetoes in some 50 new policy areas, including judicial and police cooperation, education and economic policy — and that's what is setting off alarm bells in many capitals where opponents see the birth of a federal superstate.

However, Bertie Ahern, the Irish prime minister credited with clinching the agreement in Brussels, said he was convinced Europe would embrace the charter.

"This is a great achievement for Europe and for all Europeans," he said, clearly relieved at the end of a summit which appeared at one stage to be heading for failure. He said the treaty would help safeguard human rights and democracy, and that its

promise to promote peace "will resonate with all decent people."

The EU leaders gave Ahern — and themselves — a standing ovation late Friday, happy to close the book on three difficult years in which the drafting of the constitutional text caused much friction.

Opposition to the draft is strongest in Britain where Blair is under intense pressure from opponents and Euro-skeptical sections of the British press, who claim the constitution erodes Britain's sovereignty.

European elections last week-end revealed a streak of Euro-skepticism in countries that joined on May 1 after decades of living under communist rule. Euro-skeptical candidates did well in Lithuania, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Poland, signaling governments there will have their hands full in getting the EU constitution ratified.

Across the EU, at least eight nations will hold referendums on the constitution.

The final text resolved one of the most bitter disputes — the voting system — by requiring at least 15 countries representing 65 percent of the EU's total 455-million population for a measure to pass. At least four countries with 35 percent of the population would be required to block another safeguard to prevent the biggest countries from running roughshod over the rest.

EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates | |
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| Euro | \$1.24 |
| British pound | \$1.88 |
| Japanese yen (June 21) | \$107.00 |
| S. Korean won (June 19) | \$177.00 |
| Commercial rates | |
| Bahraini (dinar) | 0.377 |
| British pound | \$1.830 |
| Canadian (dollar) | 0.603 |
| Denmark (krone) | 6.1678 |
| Euro (pound) | 0.65 |
| Euro | \$1.24 |
| Hong Kong (dollar) | 7.788 |
| Hungary (forint) | 211.15 |
| Israel (sheqel) | 7.166 |
| Israel (dollar) | 4.964 |
| Kuwait (dinar) | 0.2947 |
| Philippines (peso) | 56.43 |
| Saudi Arabia (riyal) | 31.261 |
| Singapore (dollar) | 1.7165 |
| S. Korea (won) | 1,159.50 |
| Switzerland (franc) | 1.2460 |
| Thailand (baht) | 46.085 |
| Turkey (lira) | 1,452.57 |

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance of the bank. South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany, check with your local currency exchange facility. Commercial rates are inter-currency rates provided for when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies except the dollar, which is the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

| London close | |
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| Gold | \$395.40 |
| Silver | \$15.38 |

INTEREST RATES

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| Prime rate | 4.00 |
| Discount rate | 2.00 |
| Federal funds market rate | 1.27 |
| 3-month bill | 1.28 |
| 6-month bill | 1.50 |

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Pension plan tools

Night Rider Tribune

A simplified employee pension, or SEP, is a useful tool that allows small businesses to provide a pension plan for employees. A SEP essentially works like an individual retirement account, only it's easier to administer and requires no minimum contribution.

Several Web sites provide a wealth of information on how a SEP works.

Here are a few:

■ **401kHelpCenter.com**. Discusses how a SEP plan works.

its advantages and frequently asked questions for small businesses.

■ **InvestorGuide.com**. Offers brief overview about SEP contributions, eligibility and taxes.

■ **Quicken.com**. Features a concise explanation of a tax-deferred SEP retirement plan.

■ **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**. Covers who should and should not set up a SEP.

■ **U.S. Department of Labor**. Contains wide range of SEP information, including establishing a plan, eligibility rules and advantages for employees.

U.N. heads to W. Africa

UNITED NATIONS — A Security Council mission headed by West Africa Sunday night on a 10-day trip to seven countries, beginning in Ghana, to assess U.N. operations and promote peace efforts.

The United Nations has major peacekeeping operations in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Ivory Coast.

Jones Parry said the council will deliver "a very tough message" in Ivory Coast that all parties must live up to a 2003 agreement between government loyalists and rebels aimed at ending a civil war.

In Sierra Leone, where the situation is "much improved," Jones Parry said the council will be assessing progress toward long-term security and looking at

benchmarks for the reduction of the U.N. force in 2005.

Nuclear hot line deal

NEW DELHI — India and Pakistan announced Sunday they would establish a new dedicated secure hot line between the two of potential nuclear accidents or threats, a step forward in efforts to normalize relations between the South Asian rivals.

Pakistan said it hopes that the nuclear talks and other tracks of dialogue eventually lead to a summit between Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and India's new prime minister, Manmohan Singh.

An existing hot line between directors-general of military operations in both countries also will be upgraded and secured, the statement said.

From The Associated Press



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the lower 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid-60s to lower 70s and lows in the lower 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-70s to lower 80s and lows in the mid-50s.

France: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-60s and lows in the lower 50s in the north. Highs in the mid-70s and lows in the lower 60s in the south.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s and lows in the lower 50s.

Hungary: Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the lower 70s and lows in the lower 50s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the lower 60s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Norway: Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Turkey: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s in the west and on the north coast and in the mid- to mid-80s inland and in the south. Lows in the lower 60s inland and mid-60s to lower 70s elsewhere.

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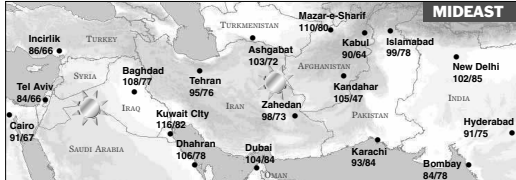
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TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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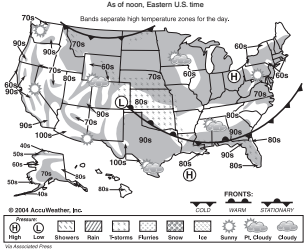
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Pedal power drive

ME AUGUSTA — About 1,500 bicycle riders began pedalling Friday morning when the American Lung Association's 20th annual Trek Across Maine got under way.

The participants, plus another 300 volunteers, took off from Sunday River ski resort in Newry and spent three days on the 183-mile route. The event had overnight stops in Farmington and Waterville before ending at Snow Mountain Park in Rockland on Sunday.

The event was expected to raise about \$1 million, which will help the American Lung Association of Maine in its efforts to improve indoor air quality, reduce the state's high smoking rate, support asthma research and fund other lung-health initiatives.

Serial horse slasher

AZ TUCSON — The mysterious slashings of at least 17 horses' throats at a guest ranch last year have been solved, but no one will be charged, officials said. The culprit: another horse. The weapon: teeth.

Investigators had suspected a person was trying to kill the horses because the jagged wounds were always near the vital jugular vein and happened late at night.

The wounds, which were 1 to 4 inches long and about an inch deep, began appearing last July.

The case was cracked when an employee of the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch finally caught a horse biting another in the throat, Pima County sheriff's officials said Wednesday. The slashings ceased when the suspected equine was isolated in another corral.

Bite your tongue

MN ST. PAUL — A goodnight kiss turned into a man's nightmare when his girlfriend bit off part of his tongue.

The 43-year-old woman told police she became frightened Wednesday morning when her boyfriend squeezed her too tightly while they kissed, and her reflex was to bite down.

The woman was arrested and could be charged, investigators said. Her 47-year-old boyfriend was treated at a hospital.

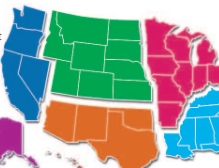
Officers searched the woman's home for the piece of tongue but couldn't find it. Police estimate that it measured about 1.5 inches. The woman told police she doesn't remember what happened to the end of his tongue. She said she might have swallowed it.

Tuition hike not too bad

CT DANBURY — Thousands of students in the state college system will be paying more for school this fall, but not as much as expected. Trustees of the Connecticut State University system rolled back a portion of a planned tuition increase for the 2004-05 academic year. The trustees voted to reduce the increase at the four state universities from nearly 14 percent to just slightly over 8 percent.

'Cash cow' defenders

FL DAYTONA BEACH — Merchants who fought 20 years ago to save rowdy Bike Week won't do the same for the annual Black College Reunion. Bike Week



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generated substantial revenue, but BCR does not.

Daytona Beachside Redevelopment Board president Mike Shallow says his city is less tolerant unless an event is what he calls a "cash cow."

Shrimping starts slow

GA SAVANNAH — The commercial shrimping season opened to a slow start. Fewer travelers were launched and shrimpers reported catches too small to make a profit. For the fourth year, shrimpers are struggling against a flood of imported shrimp from Asia. Teddy Smithwick said he expects to sell jumbo shrimp for up to \$4.50 a pound this year, down from \$6.10 a pound in 2000.

Pass the torch

MO ST. LOUIS — A century after becoming the first American city to host the modern-era Olympic games, St. Louis once again held the flame.

The symbolic torch, on its second stop of a four-city U.S. tour, was escorted Thursday by charter plane to St. Louis by Mayor Francis Slay, a day after it arrived in America by way of Los Angeles.

St. Louis' day with the small, Athens-bound flame began at the Gateway Arch along the Mississippi River, complete with traditional Greek dancing and appearances

by Olympic gymnastic legends Nadia Comaneci and Bart Conner.

The torch's route included a pass by Washington University's Francis Field, rededicated Wednesday as the site of the track-and-field events of the sweltering 1904 Games.

St. Louis' celebration culminated in Forest Park, where the final torchbearer — Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey of nearby East St. Louis, Ill. — lit the Olympic cauldron at the base of Art Hill.

The flame visited previous U.S. Summer Olympic cities — St. Louis on Thursday and Atlanta on Friday. It was in New York on Saturday and toured Montreal on Sunday before heading overseas again.

Dirty Catholic shrine

NM CHIMAYO — Santuario de Chimayo, a tiny Roman Catholic shrine visited by thousands annually as a healing place, faces problems as a potential health risk because of an inadequate septic system. A former Santa Fe county commissioner asked the commission for help. It approved a resolution that supports creating a community task force to assess the sewage problem but stopped short of offering funds.

High scores, free ride

MA FRAMINGHAM — Students who score in the top 25 percent statewide on the MCAS exams will soon be able to attend state colleges and universities for free, the Board of Higher Education decided. Gov. Mitt Romney proposed the program that will begin in the 2005-2006 school year. Critics say the scholarships will mostly benefit students in wealthy suburban districts.

Kid shelter emergency

IN PORT WAYNE — The city's only 24-hour emergency shelter for children will close in 90 days because it has run out of money. Park Center CEO Paul Wilson said cuts in state assistance and rising health care costs make it unfeasible to continue operating the Daybreak Children's Shelter. The shelter's annual budget is about \$700,000.

Clean landfill

NJ FLORENCE — A landfill that was on the federal Superfund list for 20 years has been cleaned up and taken off the federal list of toxic sites, the Environmental Protection Agency said. The Florence Recontouring Landfill was listed for high-priority cleanup after state environmental officials found that illegally dumped chemical waste had contaminated soil and groundwater.

More summer workers

IA DES MOINES — A report by Manpower Inc. shows many employers across Iowa plan to hire more workers this summer.

Waterloo topped the list of the 11 cities covered, with 55 percent of employers planning to increase hiring. Des Moines was lowest with 10 percent. Manpower says the downturn in Des Moines is due to planned layoffs in education and government agencies.



Two of a kind A 2-day-old Hartmann's zebra rests under the protective care of its mother on the Serengeti Plain at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay in Tampa, Fla.



Flying with ease Star of Tomorrow aerobatics pilot mentor Sean D. Tucker, right, flies his Oracle Challenger aerobatic plane along with fellow mentor Michael Goulian, second from right, as Star of Tomorrow pilots Wyche T. Coleman III, second from top, and Nick Nilmeier, top, fly in formation during a practice flight over Fenway Park in Boston.



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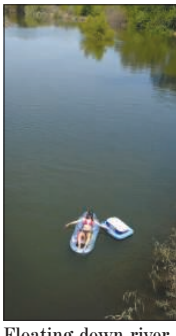
Apartment building superintendents Frank Zapata, left, and Joseph De Arce, right, are framed in the doorway of De Arce's building, on New York's Upper West Side, as he accepts an envelope from a letter carrier.



Just a little thirsty Micah Boyd, 7, of Tupelo, Miss., sticks his head out from under the dugout and tries to catch raindrops at the Chesterfield Baseball Field in Belden, Miss.



Here piggy piggy... Terry Wilcox, a truck driver from Crawfordsville, Ind., carries a piglet back to his truck on I-380 near the off ramp for Boyson Road in Hiawatha, Iowa. Seven pigs fell out of his truck during a three-mile-plus stretch.



Floating down river Tyler Rhoades tries to catch up with her friends floating ahead of her on the Kings River in Laton, Calif.



Sudden explosion Two LaCrosse, Wis., firefighters spray water on the remains of a building in LaCrosse after an explosion took place at the site.

Bank robbers plead guilty

AZ PHOENIX — A man accused of teaming up with his girlfriend to rob banks across the West pleaded guilty to heists in Oregon, Colorado and Arizona.

Craig Pritchett was aided by his girlfriend, Nova Guthrie, in two of three bank robberies he admitted. They robbed a half-dozen banks in the West from 1997 to 1999.

Authorities said the duo used the money to travel the world. They were caught in August in South Africa, where they had lived since 2000 under the assumed names of Dane and Andy Brown.

Guthrie pleaded guilty last month to three robberies and had agreed to testify against Pritchett.

Governor's gifts probed

CT HARTFORD — Gov. John G. Rowland's staff periodically took up collections in the office to buy him a canoe and other gifts, a Rowland aide and confidante told legislative investigators.

Jo McKenzie, who runs the governor's mansion, also acknowledged in a deposition released Wednesday that she interceded on behalf of a state contractor at the center of a federal corruption probe.

Rowland, facing possible impeachment, has said his office did not intervene in contracts. He is under investigation for accepting gifts from state employees and state contractors.

McKenzie described several deals, including a \$10,000 loan solicited by first lady Patricia Rowland that has not been fully repaid. She also described soliciting donations of liquor for the governor's residence from major companies and said she has bought about \$4,000 worth of expensive clothes for the governor.

Toddler electrocuted

NE LINCOLN — A woman faces felony child abuse charges for allegedly leaving her 22-month-old son alone for more than two days in a bedroom, where his electrocuted body was found, police reports said.

Brandy Blair, 22, wedged a towel in the door to make sure the boy could not get out, and apparently had asked another resident of the house to watch the child, according to an arrest warrant.

Lincoln police said when they found Christian Reifler's body last Wednesday, he was starved and his diaper had not been changed for three days.

Investigators found a staple stuck in an electrical outlet near the toddler's body as well as burns on his hands. An autopsy ruled that he died of electrocution.

Prison riot retribution

CA SACRAMENTO — Federal prosecutors concluded that locking members of a prison gang in their cells 23 hours a day for nearly two years after a prison riot did not violate their human rights. Investigators did not examine claims that prison officials improperly triggered the 2002 riot at Folsom State Prison, when two rival gangs were released together into an exercise yard.

U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott said Wednesday that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger never asked him to consider allegations that an associate warden with connections to

one of the gangs allowed the riot to take place, or that the order was covered up.

Anti-abortionists arrested

KS WICHITA — Police arrested 12 abortion protesters Wednesday at a clinic where late-term abortions are performed.

The protesters got down on their knees and started praying, blocking the entrance to the parking lot of Dr. George Tiller's clinic. They refused to leave when asked, said Janet Johnson, spokeswoman for the Wichita Police Department.

Ten were arrested for trespassing and two for trespassing and resisting arrest, she said.

Tiller's clinic was bombed in 1985, and he was shot in both arms by an abortion protester in 1993.

Lawyers' share not enough

MN ST. PAUL — Lawyers for the state asked an appeals court for a greater share of the insurance settlement paid to victims of the plane crash that killed Sen. Paul Wellstone in 2002.

The state is scheduled to pay nearly \$18 million to the families of four campaign staffers not covered by worker's compensation. A lower court gave the state \$200,000 as its share of a \$25 million insurance settlement.

Jail attacks reviewed

CA LOS ANGELES — A panel was appointed to review a recent string of attacks inside county jails that have left five inmates dead, including one witness in a murder case, District Attorney Steve Cooley announced. The task force is composed of six members of the community and eight members from Cooley's office.

Campfires banned

AZ TUCSON — All campfires will be banned in the Coronado National Forest offshoot areas have been banned since late May. Gas stoves and heaters will be allowed. Coronado has already had several wildfires this year, including a 40-acre blaze that was contained last week.

Smog fraud alleged

CA LOS ANGELES — A woman who helped design Southern California's "pollution credit" anti-smog program was arrested for allegedly defrauding companies of tens of millions of dollars.

Anne Sholtz, 39, of Bradbury, was arrested Wednesday by federal agents. At a detention hearing, a federal judge ordered her held on \$100,000 bond.

Sholtz is a former economist who helped the South Coast Air Quality Management District design a program to reduce air pollution by more than 300 companies.

The program created pollution credits as a financial incentive for factories and power plants to reduce emissions. Companies that cut their smog production below required levels could sell their credits to other firms who were exceeding their limits.

Sholtz also started an auction house for the credits. Dozens of oil and power companies, including giant Semptra Energy, were clients of her company.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

All that's jazz



Hugh Masekela performs Saturday during the 26th Annual Playboy Jazz Festival, the first event held in the newly renovated Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. According to the San Bernardino Sun newspaper, the \$24 million facility features a newly constructed shell, enlarged stage and four high-powered projection screens. Among the world's largest natural amphitheaters, the Los Angeles County-owned Bowl can seat just under 18,000. Other performers at the jazz festival included Winston Marsalis, Etta James, Brian Culbertson and Charles McPherson.

Christian show to seek 'idols'

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The management company that represents Britney Spears and 'NSYNC is searching for a divine voice.

"Gifted," a Christian version of the popular "American Idol" TV show, is scheduled to debut in October on Trinity Broadcasting Network, the Costa Mesa, Calif.-based conglomerate that features such well-known evangelists as Benny Hinn.

The Orlando-based Wright Entertainment Group is part of a joint venture with Matt Crouch, son of the founders of Trinity Broadcasting Network, to create the talent-search show, Wright spokesman Philip McIntyre said.

McIntyre said the joint venture, called Wright Generation, is negotiating with a private investor to finance the project.

"It is our goal to wrap God's message — His love — in acceptance, and in a way that blends seamlessly into 'pop' culture while still upholding the values we, as Christians, value most," Wright Generation's mission statement reads.

A cross-country summer bus tour to 11 Trinity stations is planned, where auditions will be held for solo singers, ages 18-24.

The network reaches 70 million homes.

The tour, scheduled to begin July 26, will stop in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Illinois, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New York, California and Washington state. Contestants will perform gospel or contemporary spiritual songs.

Two finalists will be chosen at each stop. The 24 finalists will be flown to Hollywood, where they will perform before a live studio audience and be evaluated by celebrity judges.

Eight will go on to the finals, where the television audience will choose the winner, whose career will be managed by Wright and Crouch.

AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil>

| MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2004 | | | | | |
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| AFN-EUROPE | AFN-KOREA | AFN-NEWS | AFN-SPORTS | SPECTRUM | AFN-PACIFIC |
| 9:00 Dr. Phil | 10:30 The Bellway Boys | Motorcycle Racing AMA | The Wild Thornberrys | 10:30 The Wild Thornberrys | 10:30 The Wild Thornberrys |
| 9:30 Oprah Winfrey | 10:30 Rocket Power | Fox News Watch | Jeopardy! | 10:30 Jeopardy! | 10:30 Jeopardy! |
| 10:00 Guiding Light | 10:30 Bulls and Bears | NBA Finals Late Night | Happy Days | 10:30 Happy Days | 10:30 Happy Days |
| 11:00 General Hospital | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
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| 15:00 Lilo & Stitch | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
| 15:30 Onion-Digital | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
| 16:00 Today Keenen Ivory | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
| 16:30 Steve Stevens | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
| 17:00 Jeopardy! | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
| 17:30 Headline News | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
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| 19:00 60 Minutes II | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
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| 20:00 Cold Case "A Time to Hate" | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
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| 22:00 Headline News | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
| 22:30 The Tonight Show | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
| 23:00 The Tonight Show | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
| 23:30 Late Show | 10:30 Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC | Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe | 10:30 Average Joe |
| TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2004 | | | | | |
| 00:00 (11:30) Late Show | (11:00) Today | Headline News | SportsCenter | (11:00) Movie *** "Sleepless in Seattle" | (11:00) Today |
| 0:30 Access Hollywood | Headline News | NBC Nightly News | ESPNs | Movie *** "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" | Access Hollywood |
| 1:00 4 Qtrs | Sesame Street (EI) | ABC World News | 2004 ESPY Nomination Show | The Wild Thornberrys | Sesame Street (EI) |
| 1:30 4 Qtrs | Sesame Street (EI) | CBS Evening News | Headline News | Jeopardy! | Sesame Street (EI) |
| 2:00 MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (Live) | Sage-Slamme Cat | CNN Daybreak | NHRA Drag Racing | The Simpsons | Sage-Slamme Cat |
| 2:30 MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (Live) | Sage-Slamme Cat | CNN Daybreak | NHRA Drag Racing | The Simpsons | Sage-Slamme Cat |
| 3:00 MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (Live) | Sage-Slamme Cat | CNN Daybreak | NHRA Drag Racing | The Simpsons | Sage-Slamme Cat |
| 3:30 MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (Live) | Sage-Slamme Cat | CNN Daybreak | NHRA Drag Racing | The Simpsons | Sage-Slamme Cat |
| 4:00 Oprah Winfrey | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | Headline News | ESPNs | ER "One Can Only Hope" | Oprah Winfrey |
| 4:30 Headline News | NBC Nightly News | Headline News | ESPNs | ER "One Can Only Hope" | NBC Nightly News |
| 5:00 ESPNs | NBC Nightly News | Headline News | ESPNs | ER "One Can Only Hope" | Judge Judy |
| 6:00 Headline News | Access Hollywood | Headline News | ESPNs | ER "One Can Only Hope" | Access Hollywood |
| 6:30 Headline News | Guiding Light | Headline News | ESPNs | ER "One Can Only Hope" | Guiding Light |
| 7:00 Sesame Street (EI) | General Hospital | Headline News | ESPNs | ER "One Can Only Hope" | General Hospital |
| 8:00 Sage-Slamme Cat | King King Live | Headline News | ESPNs | ER "One Can Only Hope" | Arthur (EI) |
| 8:30 Wheel of Fortune | Doug (EI) | Headline News | ESPNs | ER "One Can Only Hope" | Doug (EI) |
| 9:00 Dr. Phil | Taina | Headline News | ESPNs | ER "One Can Only Hope" | Lizelle McGuire |
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STARS AND STRIPES

FACES 'N' PLACES

'Kill Bill' hits Moscow

Russia rolled out a blue carpet for movie industry celebrities, including director Quentin Tarantino, at the start of the 26th Moscow International Film Festival.

Film figures including Tarantino, whose "Kill Bill — Vol. 2" opened the festival Friday, walked along a carpet stretched outside a downtown Moscow movie theater in a square named for Russian cultural legend Alexander Pushkin.

Those in attendance also included Uma Thurman and David Carradine, who co-star in Tarantino's film, as well as Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov and Russian Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov.

Actresses Meryl Streep and Isabelle Adjani and Bosnian director Emir Kusturica also are expected to make an appearance at the festival, which ends June 27.

Juneteenth Film Festival

Young black filmmakers are traveling to Dallas this week as organizers of the Juneteenth Film Festival search for the next Spike Lee.

The five-day festival features celebrities including Steve Harvey and Erykah Badu, more than 20 original films and \$50,000 in scholarships.

"We are focused on trying to attract the quality and depth of films that touch on the subjects of freedom, independence and racial issues," said Kennedy Barnes, a member of the festival's board of directors. "We encouraged the student filmmakers to submit films that were motivational or inspirational in keeping with the message of Juneteenth."



Badu

Film on Turks wins Germany prize

The story of a young Turkish-German woman who marries a man she doesn't love to escape her conservative family took the top awards at the annual German Film Prize ceremony in Berlin.

"Gegen die Wand" ("Head On"), a bleak look at a pair of second generation Turks in Germany, won awards Friday for best film, best director for Fatih Akın, best actor for Fatih Unel, and best actress for Sibel Kekilli.

The film also won the top prize at the Berlin Film Festival in February.

"Gegen die Wand" has been praised as one of a wave of new German films over the past several years that revitalizing the domestic film industry.

"The young directors no longer see their roles as copying the... rituals of Hollywood," Culture Minister Christina Weiss said at the awards ceremony in Berlin. "They possess the courage to explain demanding stories in their own language."

Last year, the best film award went to "Good Bye, Lenin!" a huge hit in Germany about a devoted communist who emerges from a coma months after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Lil' Kim blocked from performance

A federal judge in New York on Friday blocked rapper Lil' Kim from performing at a music festival on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts later this month.

The performer, whose real name is Kimberly Jones, is barred from leaving the United States as part of a bail agreement in a shooting case.

Judge Gerard Lynch scolded Jones — known for her revealing outfits and risqué lyrics — for having agreed in May to perform at the St. Kitts Music Festival. She had surrendered her passport in April after she was charged with lying to a grand jury about a 2001 shootout between rival rap groups at a New York hip-hop radio station.

Lil' Kim, who won a Grammy Award for her part in the hit remake of "Lady Marmalade" in 2001, was to perform at the music festival June 26 along with Ginuwine and Busta Rhymes.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

"Saved!" anything but safe

Film's take on evangelical Christians stirs debate

BY PATRICK GOLDSTEIN
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD

Film critics have joked for years that if Martin Scorsese had made it through boyhood without being whacked over and over by a nun with a ruler he might never have made "Mean Streets" and "Taxi Driver." So it comes as no surprise that "Saved!" an irreverent comedy set in a Christian high school, is the product of a filmmaker who went to a school where listening to popular music was so verboten that for the senior prom, the school had a puppet show instead of a dance.

"We'd sit in these assemblies where we'd hear about a girl who'd squeezed a pimple and died and she went to hell because she hadn't been saved," explains "Saved!" director Brian Dannelly, who co-wrote the film — which opened last month — with Michael Urban when the two were students at the American Film Institute. "We not only couldn't listen to music, we even had record burnings. I remember once we had to count the number of orgasms in Donna Summer's 'Love to Love You Baby.'"

Urban had a similar experience as a teenager at his Christian camp, the kids deconstructed Kiss videos. So when they set about writing a film that would examine the evangelical movement through the prism of a teen comedy, they knew they'd be walking into a cultural battle zone.

When the boyfriend of the film's heroine "Mary, played by Jena Malone, tells her that he thinks he's gay, Jesus appears before her, urging her to do everything possible to help him. The teens proceed to have sex, and she gets pregnant. What happens next prompts a crisis of faith and an avalanche of comic complaints.

The director knew it was a hoary high-school movie cliché to see the girls eagerly checking out the hot new guy in class. "So the first image I had for 'Saved!,'" Dannelly says, "was a kid with a gold lame leincho on a cross, and this girl is looking up at him and her eyes travel down from his face to..."

The film is full of satirical mischief, but you'd have to be awfully thin-skinned to call it harsh or mean-spirited. Judging from e-mail comments about the film from movie Web sites, many younger Christians have embraced "Saved!" viewing it as no more subversive than "Mean Girls." As Variety's critic noted, many of the film's teens have "a humanity and ten-



From left, Roland (Macaulay Culkin), Cassandra (Eva Amurri) and Mary (Jena Malone) eat lunch in the school cafeteria in the United Artists comedy "Saved!"

derness beneath their characters' trashy facades."

Basing the movie on personal experiences didn't protect the filmmakers from the wrath of conservative religious leaders, who see its sendups of flawed but generally well-meaning Christians as an indictment of religion on a grand scale.

William Donahue, Catholic League president, didn't just criticize the movie; he baldly predicted it would bomb at the box office. (In fact, it did a very respectable \$22,000 per screen over the Memorial Day weekend, in limited release.) Cal Thomas, whose column is syndicated in 550 newspapers, said the film appears to mock Jesus Christ, "or at least satirize his followers, portraying them as hypocrites and superficial dunderheads, which is how most of Hollywood sees Christians." The Rev. Jerry Falwell said he was saddened to see Christians portrayed as "virtual nitwits," adding that "modern-day America and Hollywood frequently takes on a singular and hostile temperament in regard to Christians. It is the equivalent of reckless racial profiling that endangers people solely because of their skin color."

However, the complaints come from some of the very people who were most upset when New York Times columnist Frank Rich and various Jewish leaders raised the specter of "The Passion of the Christ" as a potential worldwide threat to Jews before seeing the film. Few of the outraged commentators bothered to see "Saved!" before damning it as anti-Christian. At least "The Passion's" critics tried to see the movie; they were kept away by Mel Gibson's handlers.

Eager to drum up interest and controversy, the marketing staff at MGM, which is distributing the film, screened it for everyone from evangelicals to gays. In February, they sent copies of the finished film to a host of opinion-makers, ranging from Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly and Republican House

leader Tom DeLay to Michael Moore, and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Even with MGM doing everything short of sending a limo, few of the film's critics watched the movie before opening fire. When Thomas was asked if he'd seen "Saved!" before writing his column, he responded: "No, but I didn't really need to, because I know the way Hollywood thinks about religion."

According to the Rev. Frank Desiderio, head of Paulist Productions, a TV and film production company created to tackle Christian topics for mainstream audiences, historical forces also are at work in this standoff. "The more evangelical wings of the churches have always been seen as persecuted outcasts," he explains. Still, it's a fascinating contradiction: Even at a time when their political clout is at its zenith, many evangelicals continue to see themselves as a persecuted minority, especially on cultural issues. A recent Gallup Poll found that evangelicals make up 43 percent of the U.S. population. President Bush is a born-again Christian who frequently invokes God in his speeches. Born-again Christianism is felt everywhere from key judicial appointments to anti-abortion legislation and foreign policy. As The Wall Street Journal put it in a front-page story last week, "evangelicalism's influence has helped shape a series of legislative and policy moves, including the invasion of Iraq."

The "Saved!" filmmakers argue that, beyond the satire, the characters in their comedy are true to life, not cardboard exaggerations.

"We went to Christian youth rallies, we read Christian girls' diaries online, we went into chat rooms to talk to kids about fundamentalism," Dannelly says. "These kids were astounding — they were 15 and already having sex, doing drugs and being saved. One group of kids next at a Christian rock concert and had an orgy when their parents were out of town. If anything, we underplayed it."



Lil' Kim

Horoscope

It's the first full day of summer, and there's a lighthearted feeling in the air, even if you're starting your workweek now. The Leo moon wants to turn this day into a playful drama, a romantic comedy or an action adventure. The most powerful thing you can do, though, is to apply that creative surge you get to the work at hand.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 21). This year, you're honest with yourself about what you need and therefore are able to get your needs met exactly. The next three months are fabulous for your bank account.

Your reputation grows through July, and you'll quickly become a sought-after professional in your field. Taurus and Virgo make excellent additions to your personal life. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 16, 33 and 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's a strange day. You feel like you've cast yourself in a performance-art piece, and at the same time, you are an audience member at the show. There's real power in being able to both observe yourself and be yourself at once.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some people need stiff competition to inspire their top performance, but not you. You get it with sheer determination. You get a little stronger, a little smarter, and a little more efficient and productive, until you become a master.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's so much variety at your fingertips today that you feel like a kid in a candy shop. The sweetest, most appealing opportunities "coast" just as much as the sour ones do. Choose carefully because every choice counts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you are taking on a responsibility, why not do it with great love, style and excitement? Contribute more. With the right attitude, you can add remarkable, distinguishable value to your efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Think of a result you'd like to achieve by week's end, and build backward.

filling the calendar with steps you need to take in order to achieve that goal. If you don't do this, your week quickly fills up with other people's demands of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's much to know and much to keep secret. You'll be tempted to tip your cards to let the world know just how talented, smart and in the know you are, but resist! As Conan O'Brien would say, "Keep cool, my babies!"

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll meet new people and hit it off right away. Acknowledge your feelings. "I like you" may be the magic words that will start an interesting relationship. Don't call the person you know is bad for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Put critical voices on the next plane out of the country, and revel in your childlike, innocent, creative self. Brainstorm your way into a brilliant moneymaking solution.

You'll upgrade your stuff and attract new friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been wondering why it is you feel you must do everything on your own. Break this habit now. Ask for help. Small requests will be met with immediate agreement, especially by Aries or Libra people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The paradox of love is that you desire to be committed to someone who puts your happiness first, but this can only happen when you put theirs first. But do be sure the other person is actually capable of returning your love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You fight existing traditions, generally accepted beliefs and your own past tendencies. In the process, you discover something new about yourself. Your rebel spirit is attractive to water signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces).

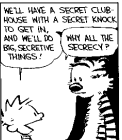
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you feel someone is on the success train with or without you, it's easy to admire or even fall in love with this person. But the one who you feel is basing his or her whole life on your relationship will make you run for the hills.

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Calvin and Hobbes



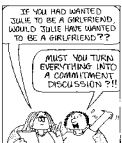
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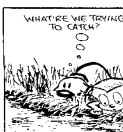
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Better or Worse



Peanuts



Everyone should have a living will

Dear Abby: Please remind your readers to be certain their estates are in order. One of my neighbors, "Graham," has been hospitalized twice for serious problems. After the first incident, I tried to convince Graham and his wife, "Carolyn," to make a living will and a living trust. Graham was all for it; Carolyn didn't want to take the necessary steps. Evidently, his vote didn't count because nothing was done.

Now Carolyn is in the hospital. Her illness is serious. Neither of them is covered in the eventuality of death. This means the survivor will have to go through probate—a costly journey.

Their home is not in joint survivorship, so that will go through probate, too.

It doesn't matter how much a person owns. Everyone needs, at

the very least, a will and a living will.

— **Concerned Friend**

Dear Concerned: How true. In recent weeks, I have lost two friends, both with no warning.

The first to die was a beautiful woman in the prime of life. She was in the best of health until an infection suddenly overwhelmed her. Who thinks about mortality in the prime of life? She didn't, and now her survivors have a headache on top of their headache.

The second was a gentleman known for more than 20 years. He carried my name in his wallet as a form of notice in case of an emergency. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance one afternoon and instructed the doctors and nurses not to notify me or his family because he was sure he'd be home within a few

days. Then he slipped into a coma. He had talked to me about how he wanted his estate distributed in the event something happened to him -- but he never put it in writing. By the time the government and the lawyers got finished with it, there will be little left for the people he loved.

What I'm trying to convey is that we're all going to go. And few can predict exactly how or when. So unless you want your hard-earned assets sold to pay death taxes and estate lawyers, make a will.

Unless you want strangers or emotionally stressed relatives determining what will happen to you if you're too sick to speak for yourself, make a living will. The choice is yours. Personally, I'd rather stipulate.

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Dear Abby



Lack of apology tough to handle

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Lilly," who is 8 years old and in third grade, was sexually harassed by a boy in her class. The boy was not suspended, probably because he is too young to fully understand exactly what he said to my daughter.

What bothers me is that the parents of the boy did not have the decency to apologize to me or Lilly. I also am writing to warn other parents that sexual harassment can start at any age. Our children need to learn to stand up for themselves and tell an adult when someone speaks to them in an inappropriate way. No person at any age can say things like that to our children.

— **Frustrated Parent**
Dear Parent: If the boy didn't understand what he was saying, he most likely did not intend to sexually harass your daughter. He probably was angry with her and spoke what he thought was a grown-up insult.

You are correct that we must

Annie's Mailbox



teach our children to respect themselves and others, and we assume you have transmitted these lessons to your daughter. It also is important to make a distinction between the words and the intent. In this instance, the proper response from the school is to teach the boy that such words are insulting and inappropriate, and will not be tolerated.

If Lilly is no longer upset over this, please leave it alone. However, if the incident is still bothering Lilly, call the boy's parents and explain calmly that you think it will help the children get along better if their son apologizes to your daughter. We hope they will see to it immediately.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Kid in the Midwest," the 14-year-old boy whose parents wouldn't let him buy a CD of his favorite band, Rage Against the

Machine, because of the parental advisory, although he could attend R-rated movies.

In your response, you noted that some rock groups use their music to "espouse hatred and violence." I want to clarify the record for your readers. "Rage" is known for its impassioned pleas for justice and fair treatment for impoverished and indigenous people. Listening to the masterful musicianship and descriptive lyrics can enrich the listener and encourage him or her to improve our world and get involved.

As a 30-year-old and a parent, I am glad that the younger generation is still listening to Rage.

— **Seymour, Ind.**
Dear Seymour: We think musical groups should be judged individually. The parental advisory provides a good guideline, but beyond that, parents should listen to the music: their children are interested in to see what's up.

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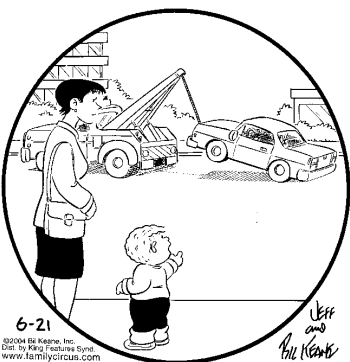
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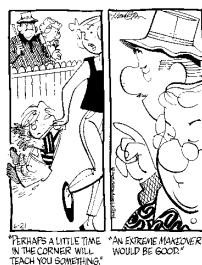


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Windsor helps Fullerton shut down South Carolina

BY ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Jason Windsor pitched a three-hitter and struck out a career-high 14 to lead Cal State Fullerton to a 2-0 victory over South Carolina in the College World Series on Saturday.

Windsor, 24, was his 11th straight start and ran his consecutive scoreless innings streak to 24. He has given up only one run in 32 innings (0.28 ERA) in the NCAA tournament, including the eight shutout innings he tossed in a super regional win over Tulane last Saturday.

"I'm just glad we've been seeing go to see what we've been seeing for two years," Fullerton coach George Horton said.

Fullerton (43-21) will play Miami on Monday. The Hurricanes (50-11) beat LSU 9-5 later on Saturday.

LSU (46-18) will face South Carolina (50-16) in an elimination game.

Windsor pitched out of trouble three times, leaving runners at third base in the second and fifth innings and getting out of a bases-loaded jam in the seventh by striking out Steven Tolson for the third time in the game.

The 6-foot-2, 220-pound right-hander, a third-round draft pick by the Oakland Athletics, pitched his third shutout of the season.

"I didn't have real good control of my fastball, but it came around in the second or third inning," Windsor said. "I just kept working to get to the next pitch, and finally things smoothed out and my fastball came back."

South Carolina hadn't been shut out in 67 games since losing 8-0 in Stanford in last year's CWS.

"Jason Windsor completely dominated the game. He just over-matched us," Gamecocks coach Ray Tanner said. "We had a couple opportunities but weren't able to cash in. He's just too good."

It was the third time in six games that Fullerton has held its opponent scoreless. The Tians have won 28 of their last 33 games after starting the season 15-16.

South Carolina starter Matt Campbell (10-5), a first-round draft pick of the Kansas City Royals, allowed four hits but walked a career-high eight in 57 1/3 innings.

In the late game, Cesar Carrillo settled down after two shaky innings and held LSU to two hits

over his last six innings and Adam Ricks' two-run homer helped Miami beat the Tigers 9-5.

Carrillo (12-0) will up five runs on five hits, two walks and a hit batter in the first two innings, then settled down to retire 19 of 23 batters and lead the Hurricanes to their 13th straight victory.

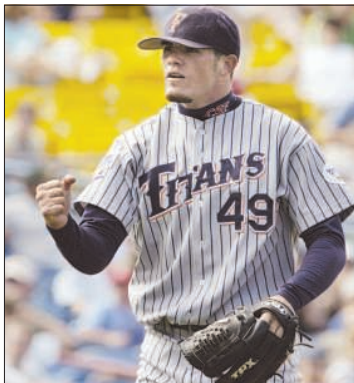
It was the first meeting of the traditional powers since LSU's Warren Morris hit his home run in the bottom of the ninth inning of the 1996 CWS championship game.

"I knew there was tremendous pressure trying to beat them, with the big rivalry between us," Carrillo said.

The Hurricanes broke a 5-all tie when Erick San Pedro doubled with two outs in the fifth and scored on Gaby Sanchez's second RBI single of the game.

Jon Jay hit a run-scoring triple in the sixth before Ricks connected off Justin Determann (6-5) for his 11th home run, which barely cleared the wall in left-center field. LSU starter Nate Bemstead lasted only two innings, giving up five runs and eight hits before Determann relieved him in the third.

The Tigers struck together three straight hits off Carrillo to open the game.



Cal State Fullerton's Jason Windsor had a career-high 14 strikeouts in a 2-0 win over South Carolina in the College World Series on Saturday.

"We had to tack a lot early because they were going to hang with him as long as they could because he does get better, and he did," LSU coach Smoke Laval said.

J.C. Holt led off with a ground-rule double and scored on Ryan Patterson's single. Jon Zenrigue followed with a sacrifice fly and Ivan Naccarata with a run-scoring single.

Miami tied it 3 in the bottom of the first on Ryan Braun's two-run homer and a Sanchez single.

The Hurricanes are now 16-0 in games in which Carrillo was the starter and 19-0 when he makes an appearance.

"We got some OK swings, but we were going against a pitcher who doesn't like to lose a lot," Laval said. "He proved his point today."

Magee's header gives MetroStars 2-1 victory

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Mike Magee knocked in an 89th-minute header Saturday to lead the MetroStars over the Los Angeles Galaxy 2-1.

The MetroStars were missing four starters because of injuries, while five others were out serving commitments to their respective national teams.

Magee scored the game-winner off a cross by Gilberto Flores, diving between the defenders and pushing it past diving goalkeeper Dan Popik in the 89th minute.

Magee's corner kick set up the first goal in the 42nd as Kenny Arena headed home. Arena, the son of United States coach Bruce Arena, scored his first career goal in just his second start of the season.

The Galaxy leveled early in the second half when former Austria midfielder Andreas Herzog scored from the penalty spot in the 47th.

United 2, Crew 1

WASHINGTON — D.C. United ended a four-hour search for a goal with two goals from Alecko Eskandarian and one from Jaime Moreno.

Moreno's goal ended a 271-minute dry spell for United, whose last goal was an own goal

against New England on May 29. United (4-5-4) also ended the Crew's seven-game unbeaten streak.

Rookie Troy Perkins lost his third shutout on Manny Lajos' goal in the 90th minute. Columbus dropped to 4-4-3.

Freddy Adu, who played 90 minutes for the U.S. under-20 team against Brazil on Wednesday, was a second-half substitute for United for the second consecutive game.

The 15-year-old striker replaced Es-

kandarian in the 69th minute.

Wizards 3, Revolution 1

FOXBORO, Mass. — Matt Taylor scored two goals to help Kansas City extend its unbeaten streak to four games (3-0-1) and improve to 6-4-3 overall.

Davy Arnaud also scored for the Wizards. Clint Dempsey scored for New England.

Fire 1, Earthquakes 1

CHICAGO — Brian Ching scored in the 66th minute and goalkeeper Pat Onstad stopped Ante Razov's penalty kick in the 86th minute to help San Jose.

Ching has an MLS-leading seven goals for the Earthquakes (4-3-4). Nate Jaqua scored for the Fire (4-3-5).

Rapids 1, Burn 1

DENVER — Dallas' Jason Kreis scored his 88th MLS goal to tie Roy Lassiter's league record.

Kreis has two goals this season for the Burn (4-4-3).

Montgomery blames White for woes

The Associated Press

Tim Montgomery, the world's fastest man, told the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency he's done nothing wrong and ridiculed possible drug evidence against him.

"The truth will prevail," he said.

Montgomery also identified banished sprinter Kelli White as the one who is providing information against him.

"It's not on paper. It's all someone saying something," Montgomery said.

Who? he was asked. "Kelli White," Montgomery responded. "She don't live with me, so I don't know who she would know."

White, the world champion in the women's 100 and 200 last year, has relinquished those medals and accepted a two-year suspension for using steroids and other banned substances.

Montgomery's lawyer said the sprinter will continue to fight for the chance "to fulfill his dreams and participate in the 2004 Olympics."

Montgomery, record holder in the 100 meters, is one of four U.S. athletes formally notified on June 7 that the USAADA is pursuing possible drug charges against him.

After his sixth-place finish in the 100 at Saturday's Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, Ore., Montgomery accused the USAADA of "making up rules."

Montgomery and the other three — Chryste Gaines, Michelle

Sports briefs

Collins and Alvin Harrison — had until Friday to respond to the USAADA's formal notice. Now, a USAADA review panel will decide — perhaps by early this coming week — whether to recommend bringing drug charges against them.

If they are found guilty of doping, they would face minimum bans of two years.

Montgomery's girlfriend, three-time Olympic champion Marion Jones, also is under investigation by the USAADA but has not received a formal letter that the agency is pursuing a case against her.

None of those athletes failed a drug test, so the USAADA is building cases based on documents and other circumstantial evidence deriving from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative case. Documents from the grand jury investigation of BALCO were subpoenaed by a Senate committee and then turned over to the USAADA.

Killeen close to LPGA title

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Denise Killeen moved closer to her first LPGA Tour victory, shooting a 6-under 65 to take a two-stroke lead in the ShopRite LPGA Classic.

Killeen had a 12-under total. First-round co-leader Giulia Sergas (67) was two shots back,

while 17-year-old amateur Paula Creamer (64) and Cristie Kerr (68) were four shots behind.

Since joining the tour in 1992, the 42-year-old Killeen has never finished better than a tie for fourth. She has missed the cut in four of 10 events this year.

After shooting even par for five holes, Killeen made short putts for birdie on the sixth and eighth holes, and then finished with a flourish. She birdied the last four holes for a two-day total of 130, tying the Classic record for 36 holes. She had the same score on Friday's opening round.

Barrera KOs Ayala

CARSON, Calif. — Marco Antonio Barrera knocked out Paulo Ayala in the 10th round of a featherweight fight between two former champions Saturday night.

A right hand by Barrera sent Ayala to the canvas for the third time, and referee Pat Russell stopped the scheduled 12-round bout 2:34 into the 10th without starting a count.

"On the last knockdown, he caught me very hard in the ribs," Ayala said. "I lost my breathing. I decided to take a knee and that was it."

Barrera knocked Ayala down twice in the eighth round. The first came on a five-punch combination about a minute in. He went down again about a minute later on a double hook to the body. Barrera landed 231 of 593 punches, while Ayala landed 80 of 341, according to CompuBox statistics.

Milling a 7 takes par off the table

U.S. Open scoreboard

Saturday
At Shinnecock Hills Golf Club
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 Purse: \$6.25 million
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Amid howls of protest from players 30 years ago at Winged Foot Golf Club, the man running the U.S. Open summed up a philosophy still very much in play today.

"Our objective is not to humiliate the best players in the world," Sandy Tatum said. "It's to identify them."

On Saturday afternoon, with Shinnecock Hills basking in the Long Island sun, the U.S. Golf Association came dangerously close to doing both.

The best players in the world watched in varying stages of disbelief as putts rolled off greens, balls bounded into bunkers and downhill 3-fores that quickly became 10-foot comeback putts.

USGA officials were watching, too, presumably with devilish delight.

You see, the people who run the U.S. Open have trouble with the concept of par. They cringe when it's broken, as if it were an affront to the game they're charged with protecting.

To make sure it isn't, they turn par-5 into par-4s, trim fairways to tiny strips of green ribbon and grow ankle deep rough everywhere they can.

When all else fails — as it did during the first two rounds of the Open — they simply stop watering the greens.

"They were probably losing sleep last night with all the guys under par," Jeff Maggert said.

True to its charge, the USGA finally found the right recipe Saturday for its annual examination of the world's best golfers. If it was an exam, though, it was one without a lot of answers.

The wind that usually protects Shinnecock barely blew until late in the day, but the greens were slicker than oiled lanes at the local bowling alley. In a field of 66 players, only three broke par, and only one of them was in contention.

"The Masters was hard, but it was nothing like this," amateur Casey Wittenberg said.

Under their breath, players muttered about the USGA. They cursed the conditions that got even more absurd as the day went on.

Those running the Open insist they heard none of it, of course, and wonder what the fuss is all about. Protecting par is a hard business, after all, on a course that measures a dinosaur-like 6,996 yards from the back tees.

"We've had nothing but positive feedback through 54 holes on 53 of them," said Walter Driver, chairman of the USGA championship committee.

Ab yes, the 54th. That would be No. 7 on the scorecard, No. 1 in the hearts of anyone who likes to see players tortured.

The seventh was rapidly turning into the joke of this Open even before the wind shifted and workers mistakenly ran a roller over it Friday night. That combination led to a lot of mini dramas that drew huge throngs of people.

They groined in unison as balls headed toward the hole rolled off the green. They moaned in sympathy when their favorite, Phil Mickelson, imploded there.

Think the game is tough? Try having to aim into a greenside bunker to make par on a par-3.

"When you have to hit it in the bunker to make par it's not a very good hole," said Maggert, who did just that. "Really, that was my plan off the tee."

The hole almost wiped away the goofy grin Mickelson constantly wears when he hit a shot that was nearly perfect — only to watch it roll off the back of the shaved green. It got worse when Mickelson got a little bold with

his chip, knocking it about 8 feet past the hole.

While Mickelson waited to putt, Shigeki Maruyama rolled his birdie putt off the back of the green into a swale, giving him the taste of what was to come.

Mickelson barely touched the putt, then followed it as it rolled slowly past the hole. In an almost comical scene, Maruyama's caddy ran to his bag to get it out of the way as the ball rolled to the edge of the green.

By the time it was over, Mickelson had a double bogey and was out of the lead.

"I really do love it," Mickelson insisted, referring to the course. "It's just that one hole today that was just a little bit ..."

What the USGA would have done to have a hole like that last year when Jim Furyk tied an Open record by shooting 8-under 272 at Olympia Fields outside Chicago. When Hale Irwin won at Winged Foot in 1974, he was — over-par, the kind of score that made USGA types feel like winners, too.

Furyk's Open record appeared in jeopardy after the first two rounds when greens softened by rain and a lack of wind allowed Mickelson and Maruyama to share the lead at 6 under.

That changed quickly on a course where par on Saturday became a cause for celebration.

"On a scale of one to 10, it's an 11," Ernie Els said.

Things don't figure to get much better on Sunday, though many of the toughest pin positions have already been used.

If the wind blows even a bit, it could get downright scary.

"It's going to be fun to watch," Fred Funk said. "It's going to be a bunch of car wrecks. It's going to be like there's oil on the track at Daytona."

For the national championship, the USGA wouldn't have any other way.

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Goosen, Howell among few who survive third round

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"I try and look at the humor of it, but it's tough when you're out there struggling," Maggert said.

Even before Mickelson got to Shinnecock Hills, it was clear this would be a day of survival. It happens every year at the U.S. Open, when the grass gets crusty and firm and the best players in the world get beaten up.

"The Masters was hard, but it was nothing like this," U.S. Amateur champion Casey Wittenberg said after a 75.

There were a few exceptions. Clark, who finished third at the PGA Championship last year, nearly made a double-eagle on the par-5 fifth hole when his 6-iron stopped an inch behind the cup. He had a tap-in birdie on the 16th, and thought he had another on the 18th until he pushed a 2-footer for birdie.

"I don't see too many people making that score today," Clark said.

Charles Howell III was in the second group to tee off, having made the cut on the number. He shot 68 and moved into a tie for 13th at over 213.

On the 3rd end of the spectrum was J.J. Henry, who made only one par in his round of 86. Kevin Stadler (82) and Billy Mayfair (81) also failed to break 80. Vijay Singh started with three straight bogeys and never recovered, ending his U.S. Open chances with a 77.

Woods was somewhere in between. He missed two of his first three holes. Even worse, it took him three wedges to go 100 yards up the slope on No. 10 and he eventually made double bogey. This major



Retief Goosen acknowledges the crowd after paring No. 16 during the third round of the U.S. Open on Saturday. Goosen had a 69, one of only three under-par rounds all day.

is probably a lost cause, too, although Woods was allowed one last shred of hope with his 18th-hole teeshot.

"If you get the guys to come back more, I can get a chance to win this thing," Woods said.

He would have to break a record in the process, because no one has ever come from more than seven shots back in the final round to win the U.S. Open.

Mickelson's only big mistake wasn't even his fault.

"The Masters was hard, but it was nothing like this."

Casey Wittenberg
 U.S. Amateur champion

The par-3 seventh hole — the one players worried about earlier in the week — was nearly unplayable. It slopes hard to the left. The wind was blowing to the left. The green had been rolled overnight by mistake.

"Seven is unplayable so I guess the majority of the field is going to make 4 there, which is ridiculous," said Ernie Els, who did make a 4 there, one of 27 bogeys on Saturday.

Mickelson landed right off the flag with an 8-iron and it rolled off the green. He chipped 8 feet by, leaving him a downhill putt that he barely touched. No matter — it trickled past the hole, and almost back down the green before it stopped long enough for Mickelson to make it. He missed that 12-footer for double bogey.

But he gutted it out, and continued to make most of his nervy par putts in the dangerous 4-foot range.

Goosen missed a few fairways and took bogeys on the back nine, but he recovered with a solid 15-foot birdie on the 15th and a good up-and-down for birdie on the 16th.

"I feel like I'm ready to get into it Sunday at the U.S. Open," he said.

It sounds like he's ready to rumble, and Shinnecock Hills is sure to put up a hellacious fight.

Clark within inches of career-best round

South African's 66 in third round included tap-in, missed two-foot putt

BY JIM O'CONNELL
The Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Tim Clark was a couple of feet and an inch from the round of his life, let alone the U.S. Open.

The native of South Africa shot a 4-under 66, the best score of Saturday's third round and only one of three under par at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. In addition to moving him onto the leader board — he's tied for sixth place, four shots behind leader Retief Goosen — it started conversations of what could have been.

He had a tap-in eagle on the par-5, 537-yard 5th hole and he missed a 2-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th. A 64 would have been one shot off the Open's 18-hole record. The double-eagle would have been just the second ever recorded in an Open. T.C. Chen had one in 1985 at Oakland Hills.

It would have been the second double-eagle in a month for Clark and would have been with the same club.

"From the fairway it looked like it went in the hole, got up there and it was literally an inch behind the cup, pretty much a tap-in eagle," he said of the 6-from 18, 210 yards. "I made a double-eagle with that club in the qualifying for this event."

He had four birdies and two bogeys, but

it was the par on 18 that kept him from really enjoying the round.

"I just hit a bad putt. It's a tough way to finish," he said of his short run at another birdie on the final hole. "I guess I have to put that behind me and go out tomorrow."

Clark, who has been bothered by a sore right wrist, finished tied for ninth last week in the Buick Classic.

"I feel I've been swinging the club great and making my fair share of putts," he said.

With Goosen leading, Ernie Els tied for second and Clark, South Africa's third player in the top seven heading into the final round. Clark is the only one of the three without an Open title.

"If he keeps his health he might win a U.S. Open," Els said of Clark. "He's straight off the tee, he's got good iron play. Retief, he's got the perfect temperament and a hell of a game. We've got great players coming through and it's good for the country, it really is."

FAMILY TIES: Jay Haas shot a 76 in the third round and his son Bill had a 17, leaving them tied at 6-over 216.

On Sunday, Father's Day, Jay Haas will tee off at 11:40 a.m. EDT, 30 minutes and three groups before Bill, an amateur who will turn pro next week.

"If I had made a par on 18 we would have been one group apart," Jay Haas said. "That would have been nice, but this whole week has been something special."



Tiger reacts on the fifth fairway after his shot toward the green during the third round. Woods shot 3-over 73 on Saturday but closed his round with an eagle 2. He began Sunday's final round nine shots behind leader Retief Goosen.

TIGER TALE: Tiger Woods had a 3-over 73 Saturday to continue his struggles in third rounds of the U.S. Open.

Woods, who has won this event twice, has broken 70 only once in the nine third rounds he has played. He had a 69 at Southern Hills in 2001, when he finished at 12th. The years he won he had a third-round 71 (2000) and 70 (2002).

Woods closed his round Saturday with an eagle 2 when he holed a sand wedge from 106 yards.

"I tell you what, that definitely put me back in the tournament, where if the wind blows and I play a great round of golf, I can still win this tournament," he said.

GOOD BREAK: Chris DiMarco broke his driver on Friday and said it was one of the best things he ever did.

He finished the second round using a 3-wood off the tee and missed one fairway over the final 13 holes. On Saturday, he went to a backup driver and again found the fairway nine times.

"The backup was the same as the other driver so maybe it was me and not the club," he said after shooting a 70 that left him at 2-over 212. "Nah, breaking that was the best thing that happened to me."

AMATEUR HOUR: Spencer Levin had a 1-over 71 Saturday and was at 3-over 213, the low third-round score for the four amateurs who made the cut.

Chezy Reavie and Bill Haas both had 71s Saturday and were at 216, while Casey Wittman had a 75 and was at 217.

BATTLE FOR NO. 1: The stage is set for Ernie Els to make a claim for the top spot in the world rankings.

If Els wins Sunday — he was two strokes behind Retief Goosen and playing in the final round — and Tiger Woods finishes lower than sixth, the Big Easy takes over No. 1.

Woods was tied for 19th after shooting 73 Saturday, leaving him nine shots off the lead.

Woods has held the No. 1 ranking since August 1999, when he replaced David Duval at the head of the list.

Ferraris in control again in crash-filled U.S. Grand Prix

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Schumacher reclaimed the lead for the final time on the 50th lap and pulled away from teammate Rubens Barrichello to win Sunday's United States Grand Prix for his eighth victory in nine races this year.

Schumacher avoided trouble in a crash-marred race and cruised to a 2.9-second victory over Barrichello on Indianapolis' 13-turn, 2.605-mile road course. Japan's Takuma Sato was third, 22.0 seconds off the pace.

After struggling all weekend with the car's handling, the only challenge Schumacher had Sunday was picking spots to make moves.

Barrichello and Schumacher, teammates for Ferrari, filled the front row for the start, and the German wasted no time in testing the pole winner.

Schumacher darted inside heading into the first turn, but Barrichello moved down on the track, cutting off Schumacher to retain the lead.

It lasted just five laps.

When the race restarted after a five-car crash in the first turn of the race, Schumacher again tried an inside move coming out of turn 13 and this time raced Barrichello, a Brazilian, wheel to wheel down the straightaway. Barrichello couldn't him hold off this time.

Barrichello regained the lead when Schumacher pitted on lap 42. Eight laps later, Barrichello pitted, giving Schumacher the lead again. On Lap 52, they waged their biggest battle.

As Barrichello tried to pass Schumacher in three consecutive turns, Schumacher cut him off each time, sometimes getting dangerously close to his teammate. Schumacher then pulled away for his third win in five starts at Indianapolis.

The BMW Williams team struggled Sunday.

First, Juan Pablo Montoya's car wouldn't start. Montoya, a Co-

Racing roundup

lombian, was pushed into the pits and surrendered his No. 5 starting spot before the green flag even waved.

Then Montoya's teammate, Ralf Schumacher, lost control on lap 10. The car spun twice coming out of turn 13, then slammed hard into the outside wall before stopping in the straightaway.

Schumacher stayed in the car for several minutes as track workers freed him. Schumacher, Michael's brother, was taken to Methodist Hospital for further examination.

On lap 58, Montoya was black-flagged for starting the race in a spare car and not starting the race within 15 seconds of the start.

He also ignored his team's instructions to return to the garage. It was the second time in two weeks the Williams team had score points. Last week both cars were disqualified for using illegal front brake ducts in the Canadian Grand Prix.

Kyle Busch starts last, finishes first in Kentucky

SPARTA, Ky. — Kyle Busch took the lead with two laps to go and held on to win the Meijer 300 on Saturday night at Kentucky Speedway for his third Busch Series victory of the year.

The 19-year-old Busch, the brother of Nextel Cup driver Kurt

Busch, started from the back of the 43-car field after wrecking his car in practice.

Busch qualified second Friday, but wrecked his Chevrolet during a post-qualifying practice session. Because he used his backup car Saturday, he had to start at the back of the field.

By the 47th lap, Busch had moved into the top 10. He slowly worked his way through the rest of the field, and with 13 laps to go, on a restart after a late caution, he was third behind Greg Biffle and Jason Leffler.

After passing Leffler, Busch ducked under Biffle for the lead with two laps left. Busch won by 1.274 seconds over Biffle, who has won three Busch Series races this year. Mike Bliss finished third, followed by Ron Hornaday Jr. and Jason Keller.

Hamilton wins truck race

MILLINGTON, Tenn. — Bobby Hamilton took the lead with eight laps left and held off Steve Hinnel by 0.423 seconds Saturday to win the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series' O'Reilly 200.

Hinnel, a first-time series starter on the 0.75-mile Memphis Motorsports Park track, lost a half-second lead when Rick Crawford's spin on the 187th lap brought a caution.

The 47-year-old Hamilton took the lead with an outside pass on the second lap after the restart en route to his second victory of the season and sixth overall on the truck series.

Defending race winner Ted Musgrave finished third.

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Scott Rolen hits a three-run triple in the eighth inning Saturday in St. Louis' 9-2 win over Cincinnati.

Streaking Cardinals rout Reds

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols again upstaged Ken Griffey Jr. as he led the St. Louis Cardinals to a 9-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday night, their sixth straight win.

Pujols' go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh inning led the St. Louis Cardinals to a 9-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday night, their sixth straight win. Pujols hit the game-winning homer leading off the 10th on Friday.

"You can't miss a mistake and that's what happened," Pujols said. "He made a mistake and I put a good swing on it."

Griffey remained at 499 homers for the fifth straight game, although he contributed to the offense with two singles, an RBI and a walk. He was 2-for-3 Saturday and is 5-for-20 with three RBIs since his last homer on June 14 at Cleveland.

"He's still driving in runs, and that home run is going to come," teammate Sean Casey said. "We need him to keep hitting and doing well and not really think about that home run and just keep playing the way he's playing."

In both games in St. Louis, flashbulbs have popped throughout Griffey's at-bats, a fan trait reminiscent of Mark McGwire's 70-home run season in 1998. He walked on a full count in the first, hit an RBI single in the third for the game's first run, was held to a single in the fifth when right fielder John Mabry cut off his drive to the gap and grounded out to second in the eighth.

Griffey is 13-for-29 (.448) against Woody Williams with five homers, although he didn't come close to a longball on Saturday.

"I was able to make my pitches and I didn't, I didn't," Williams said. "He's a good mistake hitter, there's no doubt about it, and he's one of the best hitters that the game has ever seen."

Williams (5-6) threw seven innings and Jim Edmonds was 3-for-4 with his 15th home as the Cardinals won their 15th game in the last 19.

Scott Rolen added a bases-loaded triple with two outs in the eighth and leads the majors with 70 RBIs.

August, and then some

Rivera homers twice in second; Expos trim Sox

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Juan Rivera hit two homers in the second inning, including his first career grand slam, and the Montreal Expos blew most of a 10-run lead before holding on for a 17-14 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Saturday.

Juan Rivera had a career-high seven RBIs for the White Sox.

Rivera drove in six runs in the second, tying Andre Dawson's team record with a two-run homer and a grand slam in the second off Arnie Munoz (0-1), who made his major league debut.

Montreal, which ended a seven-game losing streak, scored nine of its 11 runs off Munoz in the second for its biggest inning in nearly five years.

Rivera became the first major leaguer to hit two homers in an inning since Pittsburgh's Reggie Sanders on Aug. 20.

Trailing 11-1 through three, Chicago scored five in the fourth. While Montreal scored runs in each of the next three innings, the White Sox scored three in the sixth and four in the seventh to draw within 15-13.

Jeremy Flacco (1-2) got two outs in the seventh to get the victory despite allowing two singles which drove in three runs.

Angels 6, Astros 4: Ramon Ortiz pitched six scoreless innings, Vladimir Guerrero homered and drove in three runs and visiting Anaheim handed Roger Clemens his second straight loss.

Ortiz (3-5) allowed three hits with five strikeouts in his best start of the season. Francisco Rodriguez got three outs for his sixth save, helping Anaheim snap a three-game losing streak.

Clemens (9-2) lasted 4 1/3 innings, his shortest outing of the season, and gave up five runs on nine hits with three strikeouts.

By CHARLES ODUM

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Paul Byrd determined to make the most of his comeback from elbow ligament surgery, pitched seven shutout innings in his first start since 2002 to lead the Atlanta Braves past the Cleveland Indians 4-0 Saturday night.

Backed by two-run homers from Eli Marrero and Julio Franco, Byrd won for the first time in 21 months.

"It felt great to be part of the team instead of sitting there with your arm in an ice bucket," Byrd said.

Byrd enjoyed some strong de-



Kansas City's Tony Gwynn slides into second with a stolen base in the first inning Saturday as Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Placido Polanco waits for the late throw. The Phillies beat the Royals 4-2.

Mariners 5, Pirates 1: Joel Piñeiro limited host Pittsburgh to one run over eight innings and Rich Aurilia drove in three runs to lead Seattle.

Piñeiro (3-8) gave up four hits, including Bobby Hill's homer leading off eighth. Aurilia had a run-scoring single in the fifth and a two-run single in the sixth.

Brewers 7, Orioles 6: Getz Jenkins hit the first pitch he saw from Terry Mulholland (0-3) deep into the right-field stands.

Phillies 4, Royals 2: Jim Thome hit his major league lead-

ing 21st homer and Eric Milton earned his ninth win for host Philadelphia.

Milton (9-1) pitched into the eighth inning in tying Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson and Kenny Rogers for most victories in the majors. The left-hander allowed six hits, walked three and tied a season high with eight strikeouts.

Royals 11, Orioles 6: Preston Wilson drove in four runs in his second game since coming off the disabled list and Jeff Fassero (1-6) threw five-plus innings to win for the first time in nearly a year.

Vinny Castilla drove in three runs, Todd Helton doubled in two and Royce Clayton had two RBIs and scored four runs for host Colorado.

Wilson, who missed 58 games due to knee surgery, was 2-for-3.

Rangers 7, Marlins 6: Eric

Young drove in three runs, Kevin Mench hit a two-run homer and Texas beat Ohio State.

Dontrelle Willis (6-4) had one of his shortest outings of the season, giving up nine hits and seven runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Mets 4, Tigers 3 (10): Jose Reyes' 10th-inning triple set up Mike Cameron's second game-winning hit in as many nights for host New York.

Cameron, whose ninth-inning homer won Friday's game, hit a bases-loaded drive to the left-field warning track for a game-winning single.

Padres 3, Blue Jays 2: Trevor Hoffman earned his 367th career save to tie Jeff Reardon for fourth on the career list and the host Padres rallied with two runs in the eighth to end a season-high six-game losing streak.

Hoffman allowed a leadoff single in the ninth before retiring the side for his 15th save in 17 chances.

Cubs 4, Athletics 3: Michael Barrett's two-run double in the bottom of the ninth won it for Chicago.

Mark Mulder outpitched Mark Prior in a marquee matchup, helping Oakland take a 3-2 lead into the ninth. But with closer Arthur Rhodes absent, Chad Bradford (3-4) couldn't hold it.

Giants 6, Red Sox 4: Pinch-hitter Edgaro Alfonzo delivered a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth for host San Francisco.

Pedro Martinez pitched to Barry Bonds in a highly anticipated matchup between the six-time NL MVP and three-time Cy Young Award winner. Bonds finished 0-for-4 with a strikeout. He came in hitting .367 lifetime with a homer against the right-hander allowed four runs in six innings.

Yankees 6, Dodgers 2: Hideki Matsui hit a three-run homer in his first at-bat against Hideo Nomo and Brad Halsey won his major league debut for visiting New York.

Matsui reached out and pulled an 9-2 pitch from Nomo (3-8) just inside the right-field foul pole for his 12th homer, giving the Yankees a 4-0 lead in the first inning. It was the first time Matsui ever faced Nomo, though both starred for years in Japan.

Pitching-poor Braves soar with Byrd

fensive support, including a key sixth-inning catch by J.D. Drew in center field. Drew, subbing for injured Andrew Jones, caught up with a drive hit by pinch-hitter Raul Gonzalez to lead off the ninth. Drew, running toward right field, caught the ball on the warning track.

"I told the guys I'm not going to strike everybody out but I'm going to work hard and give them an opportunity to get on SportsCenter," Byrd said.

Byrd was making his first major league start since Sept. 25, 2002, for Kansas City against the Chicago White Sox. His last victory came Sept. 19, 2002. He had surgery on July 1, 2003, and was

activated from the disabled list earlier Saturday.

"He pitched well, especially for one who hadn't pitched in a long time," Indians catcher Tim Lincecum said.

Byrd said he returned with a little more velocity on his fastball, but is especially encouraged with the movement on his pitches.

"That's why I think I will be as good or better," he said.

Byrd appeared to tire in the sixth and seventh innings, when he gave up doubles to Matt Lawton and Casey Blake and the drive by Gonzalez.

"But then the next couple of pitches were unbelievable and he was back again," Braves catcher Eddie Perez said.

Byrd received an ovation from the Turner Field crowd of 41,987 and handshakes from his teammates after he was pulled off the field after the seventh inning. He threw 91 pitches — 64 for strikes.

"It's a big win," Drew said. "I think everybody's excited to see Byrd throw so well."

Antonio Alfonseca gave up two hits with two outs in the eighth inning. John Smoltz relieved and gave Tim Lincecum ground out with runners on first and second. Smoltz then pitched a perfect ninth for his 11th save.

The Braves had lost three straight and seven of 10 to face four games under 500 this late in the season for the first time since 1990.



Members of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays including Julio Lugo (23) celebrate their 10th straight victory Saturday in Phoenix. The Devil Rays beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 11-4.

Rays keep shining, stretch streak to 10 by routing D-backs

BY MEL REISNER
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The way the Tampa Bay Devil Rays are playing, Tino Martinez had no problem spreading around the credit for their latest victory.

Martinez drove in five runs with a homer and a double, powering the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to their 10th consecutive win with an 11-4 rout of the Arizona Diamondbacks on Saturday night.

"We're exciting as a team," he said. "Offensively, we're really playing well. We're getting good pitching, the bullpen is doing a great job. It's just a great team effort."

"We've got a lot of confidence — if we take the lead or fall behind, we feel we have a chance to win."

The Devil Rays are a major league-best 10-1 in interleague play and have won 21 of 27 games. On Saturday, they rallied from a 3-0 deficit with seven runs in the second inning, highlighted by Martinez's two-run shot.

Reliever Rob Bell pitched seven innings of four-hit ball for Tampa Bay.

Jose Cruz Jr. added a two-run triple, Carl Crawford had an RBI double and Toby Hall and Rocco Baldelli hit run-scoring singles in the second.

Martinez lined a bases-loaded double into the gap in the seventh after Crawford singled off reliever Stephen Randolph and Randolph walked two of the next three batters he faced.

Martinez left for a pinch-runner after the double with tightness in his left hamstring. He is day to day and had been scheduled to rest Sunday regardless, with Fred McGriff replacing him at first base.

"It's been sore for about 10 days," Martinez said. "I've just been playing through it, and when I tried to speed up a little bit between first and second, I kind of felt it grab, and I didn't want to risk it."

The victory was No. 1,413 for

Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella, tying him with Miller Huggins for 20th on the career list.

"You're passing prestige people, Hall of Fame people," Piniella said. "But I'll reflect when my career is over. Right now, what's important here is what these kids are doing."

Shen Hillenbrand had a two-run double for the Diamondbacks, who had seven hits and scored four runs against Tampa Bay starter Devon Brazelton in two innings.

But Bell (2-3) steadied the Devil Rays with solid relief, allowing an RBI single to Chad Tracy in the third — with the run charged to Brazelton. Bell struck out five without walking a batter.

"The only real surprising part about it was going back out in the ninth," said Bell, who started five games before joining the Devil Rays from Triple-A Durham on May 19. "The pitching coach came over and said, 'Good job,' and shook my hand. I thought for sure they would have got somebody else going."

Arizona scored three times in the first on a single by Steve Finley and Hillenbrand's two-run single.

But Aubrey Huff led off the second with a double and Martinez followed with a shot into the Tampa Bay bullpen, his team-high 12th homer.

Hall tied it with an RBI single, Crawford made it 4-3 with an RBI double and Cruz tripled in two more runs before Arizona manager Bob Brenly pulled Lance Cormier (0-1), who got four outs while giving up seven runs on six hits and a walk in his major league debut.

"He made a lot of mistakes over the middle of the plate," Brenly said. "That's a red-hot hot ball out there. They swing the bats well."

Baldelli hit an RBI single off Andrew Good before Good got the last two outs of the Devil Rays second.

Good worked 4 1/3 scoreless innings, allowing one hit.

Big prize with Shaq trade as Shaq looks to leave L.A.

GM Kupchak says maximum offer will be made to Bryant

BY JOHN NADEL
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The NBA trade market has one huge addition: Call him The Big Commodity.

"If any GM out there wants a hardworking big man who wants to win championships, call [Lakers general manager] Mitch Kupchak, because he will entertain offers," Shaquille O'Neal said.

The breakup of the Lakers has already begun, with Phil Jackson and O'Neal looking to join him.

Now the Lakers are Kobe Bryant's team, if the free agent is not bluffing about wanting to be a "Laker for life" and doesn't end up in prison.

In the end, the team belongs to owner Jerry Buss, whose sentiments have been made clear in the past few days.

"The organization they're going in, if they're going to continue to go in the same direction, I don't want to be a part of this," O'Neal told the Los Angeles Times and Los Angeles Daily News.

"This team, it ain't about me. It ain't about Phil. It's supposed to be about team."

At age 32, O'Neal isn't the same player he was during the team's championship years. He can dominate as before, but only in stretches. The NBA Finals against Detroit were a perfect example; he was very good in Games 1 and 4 and far below that standard otherwise.

O'Neal is under contract for \$27.6 million next year and \$30.6 million the following season and can opt out after next year.

He wanted an extension before the 2005-2006 season, but it never happened.

During a preseason game in Hawaii last October, as he ran down the court, O'Neal yelled something at Buss about giving him the money.

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando General Manager John Weisbrod said Saturday the Magic are still in contract discussions with Tracy McGrady, even though the star player has reportedly told the team he wants out.

"I certainly will not confirm that T-Mac is going to be traded," Weisbrod said. "I'm going to continue to say on T-Mac what I have said for the last month, which is that Arn [Tellem, McGrady's agent] and I are in discussions."

McGrady can opt out of his seven-year, \$93 million contract after next season, and has said he will unless Orlando improves dramatically from the 21-61 record

Report: Lakers have contacted Tomjanovich

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich has been contacted by the Los Angeles Lakers about replacing Phil Jackson as their coach, a Houston television station and newspaper reported Saturday.

Tomjanovich issued a statement confirming that he would look into the position, Houston television station KRIV and The Houston Chronicle reported.

"I have been contacted and I am interested in discussing things with the Lakers," Tomjanovich said in a hearing what they have to say," Tomjanovich said in the statement.

Tomjanovich, 55, resigned as Rockets coach a year ago to treat bladder cancer. He is still under contract with the team.

No doubt that wasn't well-received by the owner.

"When I was brought here by Jerry West (in 1996) there was a team concept. ... It was something I wanted to be a part of," O'Neal said. "Now no one cares. I told you I'm all about winning championships. Now the organization is different. It seems right now they're trying to pit one person against another."

In his first public comments after the Lakers lost to the Pistons, Kupchak, no doubt speaking for Buss, said Thursday the team would never trade Bryant, and would do whatever it took to keep him.

When asked, Kupchak would

not rule out the possibility of dealing O'Neal.

"That would not be a good day in this club's history," the GM said, leaving the door open for what would be the first trade of the big man's career.

The following day, Buss bid goodbye to the most successful coach in NBA history.

Asked Saturday about whether Jackson desired to continue coaching the Lakers, his agent Todd Musburger said, "It's pretty irrelevant. Phil was not asked to return. ... He never said he didn't want to come back."

As expected, Bryant opted out of his contract to become an unrestricted free agent and O'Neal took his course of action.

The Lakers were about Phil and Shaq for the past five years, with Kobe third in the pecking order. That resulted in three championships and a fourth trip to the NBA Finals.

Whenever Jackson was asked about the Lakers' offense, he'd always say it started with O'Neal, the self-proclaimed MDE — Most Dominant Ever.

No argument from 2000-2002. Plenty of argument since.

O'Neal, who has been critical of Kupchak on several occasions, said the GM is using him as a scapegoat.

"But don't believe it," O'Neal said. "Everyone knows I love L.A."

The Lakers can pay Bryant over \$140 million over seven years — far more than other teams can offer — and Kupchak said the team will offer the maximum.

Kupchak said Bryant's impending trip in Colorado on a sexual assault charge has no bearing. But it will if Bryant is convicted.

Bryant, who turns 26 this summer, has delivered mixed messages, saying he wanted to be a Laker for life, but also saying he wanted to check out free agency.

Magic insist McGrady talks continuing

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando General Manager John Weisbrod said Saturday the Magic are still in contract discussions with Tracy McGrady, even though the star player has reportedly told the team he wants out.

"I certainly will not confirm that T-Mac is going to be traded," Weisbrod said. "I'm going to continue to say on T-Mac what I have said for the last month, which is that Arn [Tellem, McGrady's agent] and I are in discussions."

McGrady can opt out of his seven-year, \$93 million contract after next season, and has said he will unless Orlando improves dramatically from the 21-61 record

this past season. But the Magic have vowed to trade him, rather than letting the four-time All Star leave without any compensation — like Shaquille O'Neal did eight years ago.

O'Neal has told the Lakers he would be traded. He is under contract for another two years, but can opt out after next season.

O'Neal still lives in the Orlando area in the offseason, fueling speculation the Lakers may try to trade him to the Magic.

"I would expect that I'm going to hear from [Lakers General Manager Mitch Kupchak] on the status of I think when people talk about Shaq moving I think they know in his mind and his heart that this would be the obvi-

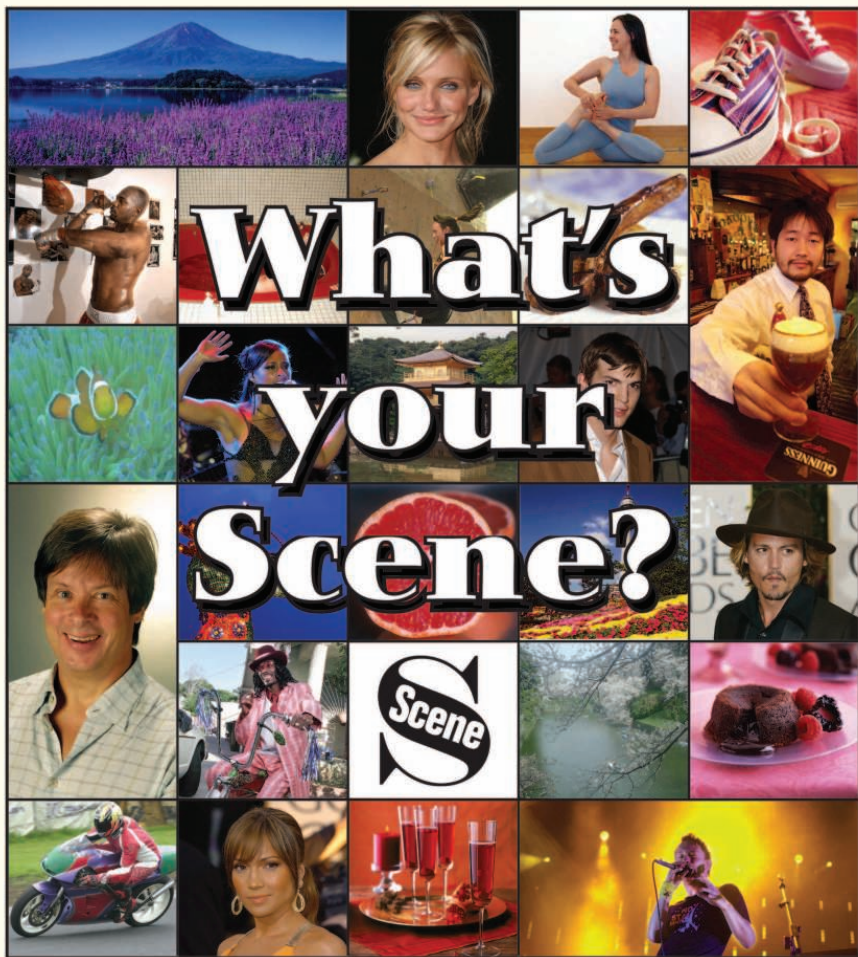
ous place he'd want to go," Weisbrod said. "But, when you look at the financial piece of that, it's almost an impossibility."

O'Neal is owed \$27.7 million next year and \$30.6 million the following year, making Orlando's chances of acquiring him "pretty close to mathematically impossible," Weisbrod said.

"We've been talking a roster with seven guys on it," Weisbrod said.

The Magic also brought high school player Dwight Howard in last year, making Orlando's practice facility Saturday. Orlando has the top pick in next week's draft, and is thought to be deciding between Howard and Connecticut's Emeka Okafor, who worked out for the team Saturday.

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Far from seventh heaven



Shigeaki Maruyama reacts after making bogey on the seventh hole, the short par-3 that also knocked Phil Mickelson out of a share of the lead in the third round of the U.S. Open.

Shinnecock bites back, especially wicked par-3

BY DOUG FERGUSON
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SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — The brittle grass played like concrete. Then the wind showed up at the U.S. Open, and Shinnecock Hills was scarier than ever.

The one constant Saturday was the unflappable Retief Goosen.

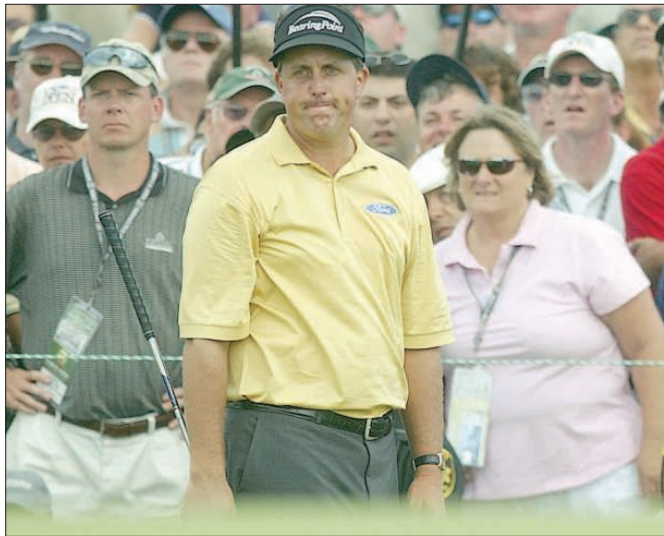
The coolest customer in any conditions, Goosen had a 1-under 69 — one of only three guys to break par — and wound up with a two-shot lead when Masters champion Phil Mickelson stumbled down the stretch.

"The course has been smiling the last couple of days, showing its nice teeth," Corey Pavin said. "Today, those teeth turned into fangs."

Goosen was one of the few who was able to bite back, recovering from a few loose shots with two birdies late in the third round that put him at 5-under 205.

Mickelson and Ernie Els, the stars from the shootout at the Masters that gave Mickelson his first major, were right behind on a links-styled course where two shots can be lost with one swing.

"We won't have any type of finish like we had at Augusta," Mickelson said. "What we will have is guys outlasting each other, who can make the most pars before somebody bo-



Phil Mickelson can't believe his luck on the par-3 No. 7 as his chip rolls past the hole. Mickelson took a double bogey on the hole.

geys, that type of thing."

In other words, a typical U.S. Open.

Mickelson was tied for the lead until he made bogey from a plugged lie in the bunker at No. 17, then missed a 4-foot par putt on the final hole that cost him a chance to be in the final pairing Sunday. He shot 73, his first round over par in the majors this year.

Els battled back from back-to-back bogeys and an even-par 70.

"That's as hard as a U.S. Open gets right there," said Els, a two-time winner of golf's toughest test. "From 1 to 10 in difficulty, it's an 11."

Had Goosen not missed a 5-foot birdie on the 18th his lead could have been even bigger. But the easygoing South African is not one to lose sleep over a missed chance like that.

Remember, he three-putted from 12 feet on the final hole of the '01 U.S. Open at Southern Hills, and bounced back to rout Mark Brooks in an 18-hole playoff the next day.

And while he looks like he's half-asleep on the course, he is churning inside like the rest of them.

"Major championships are not easy to just have a nice laugh around the course," Goosen said. "It's hard work, and a lot of grinding."

Shigeaki Maruyama, one of five players who had at least a share of the lead at some point, chopped up the 18th and missed a short putt to take double bogey, giving him a 74. He was at 2-under 208, along with Fred Funk (72).

Tiger Woods was one of the few guys who got in the last word, holing out a lob wedge for eagle on the 18th that salvaged his pride, but probably not his chances. Woods shot 73 and was nine shots behind, headed toward an eighth straight major without a trophy.

The past five U.S. Open champions had at least a share of the lead going into the final round.

"Relief ... he's got the perfect temperament and a hell of a game," Els said. "I've got to play my game. I've got to play as good as I can."

Another South African had the best round of the day — Tim Clark, who teed off about two hours before the leaders and shot a 66 that moved him within four shots of the lead at 1-under 209. Joining him was Jeff Maggert, who got to 7 under par and had a two-shot lead until playing the final 13 holes in 6 over par.

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Ernie Els, tied for second after the third round, rated the course difficulty as 11 on a 1-to-10 scale.

Rivera's 2 HRs in same inning highlight wild one

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